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DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD

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Associated Press

SLEEPY HOLLOW, New York

(AP) — In the real village of Sleepy Hollow, where the tour guides say "Halloween is our Christmas," the fall season is even busier than usual, thanks to a hit TV show that plays off the legend of the Headless Horseman.

The new Fox series "Sleepy Hollow," which brings Ichabod Crane into the present



A Halloween display greets visitors to Philipsburg Manor in the actual town of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.

(AP Photo/Jim Fitzgerald)

day with a save-the-world mission, has fostered interest in Washington Irving's 1819 short story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." In the original, Crane is a skinny, superstitious schoolmaster who has a nightmarish encounter with a decapitated Hessian soldier. It mentions several places in modern-day Sleepy Hollow, located on the Hudson River 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of New York City.

One of them is the Old Dutch Church, which Susan Laclair, of Granby, Connecticut, explored with her husband this month.

"We were watching the show, and I was remembering the old story I'd read as a kid.

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In this combination Monday, Nov. 5, 2012 and Monday, Oct. 21, 2013 photos, Rockaway resident Christine Walker walks along the beach under what is left of the boardwalk in the wake of Superstorm Sandy in the borough of Queens, New York and the same site nearly a year later.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A year after Superstorm Sandy catastrophically flooded vast swaths of eastern U.S. coastline, thousands of

people still trying to fix their soaked and surf-battered homes are being stymied by bureaucracy, insurance disputes and uncertainty over whether they can

even afford to rebuild. Billions of dollars in federal aid appropriated months ago by Congress have yet to reach homeowners who need that money to move

on. Many have found flood insurance checks weren't nearly enough to cover the damage.

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A year after Sandy: Slow recovery grinds on in northeast

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And worse, new federal rules mean many in high-risk flood zones may have to either raise their houses up on stilts or pilings — an expensive, sometimes impossible task — or face new insurance rates that hit \$10,000 or more per year. Sandy roared out of the Atlantic and struck the New York and New Jersey coasts on Oct. 29, 2012. The 1,000-

ened stairwells. Thousands of fragile patients evacuated crippled hospitals and nursing homes.

Out of that chaos came remarkable stories of recovery. New York City's submerged subways and tunnels sprang back to life with surprising speed. Beach boardwalks were rebuilt. Mountains of debris were removed. Flooded schools, nursing homes and amusement parks have reopened. The whine

some beach towns quickly rebuilt their seaside promenades and beaches, Toms River, New Jersey, where hundreds of homes were destroyed, managed to rebuild only two blocks of boardwalk and had a small sliver of beach open this summer. Beachgoers had to walk past rubble and still-to-be-torn-down houses to reach the sand. The federal government has responded by pouring money into the region.



The ruins of an oceanfront home destroyed by Superstorm Sandy is scattered next to an existing home in Mantoloking N.J., Friday, Oct. 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/Wayne Parry)

mile (1,600-kilometer)-wide mashup of a hurricane and another huge weather system killed at least 182 people in the U.S., according to a count by The Associated Press, and caused an estimated \$65 billion in damage.

Floodwaters swept over densely populated barrier islands and pushed deep into bays and harbors from Atlantic City, New Jersey, all the way to Rhode Island. In New York City, the storm surge hit nearly 14 feet (4.3 meters), sending the Hudson and East rivers pouring into the city's subway and commuter tunnels and knocking out power to the southern third of Manhattan. Gas stations ran out of fuel. High-rise residents had to carry water up dark-

of power tools hasn't ceased in many neighborhoods since the moment the floodwaters receded. But for every success story, there are tales of continuing frustration.

On New York City's Staten Island, where 23 people died, vacant lots have been multiplying on spots where homes once stood. Sheetrock and debris still decorate front lawns. Plywood covers bungalows, "Restricted Use" signs hanging on their front doors. On the Jersey shore, officials said that in the tiny seaside borough of Mantoloking, where the storm washed dozens of homes clean into Barnegat Bay, fewer than half the buildings in town had been repopulated. While

Seth Diamond, director of storm recovery for New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, said the delays caused some homeowners to doubt that the program was real. But he said bureaucratic hurdles are getting resolved. "We've gotten to the point where we can release money," he said. It is hard to measure exactly where the rebuilding process stands today. Neither the Federal Emergency Management Agency, nor state and officials in New York and New Jersey, were able to say this month how many people displaced by the storm have still been unable to return. Building codes throughout the region are being overhauled to let homeowners build higher. □

9 U.S. residents sue chemical giant DuPont Co. over cancer

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Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Nine Ohio and West Virginia residents who have cancer and other diseases have filed federal lawsuits this month against chemical giant DuPont, alleging the company knowingly contaminated drinking-water supplies with a chemical used by one of its plants.

The lawsuits, filed Oct. 8 and this week, are among about 50 such cases — including one alleging wrongful death — filed against DuPont since April, when a court-appointed science panel found probable links between exposure to perfluorooctanoic acid, also known as C8, and kidney cancer, testicular cancer and thyroid disease, among others.

DuPont, based in Wilmington, Delaware, uses C8 at its plant near Parkersburg, West Virginia, on the Ohio line but plans to stop making and using the chemical by 2015. C8 is a key ingredient in Teflon, the coating used on cookware, clothing and other products.

The recent litigation is the latest in a years-long battle between DuPont and residents of the Mid-Ohio Valley, in the heart of Appalachia along the Ohio River.

About 80,000 area residents filed a class-action lawsuit against the company in 2001. It resulted in a settlement in which DuPont agreed to pay as much as \$343 million for residents' medical tests, the removal of as much C8 from the area's water supply as possible and a science panel's years-long study into whether C8 causes disease in humans.

"These are folks who've been waiting many, many years to be able to pursue these claims," said Rob Bilott, a Cincinnati attorney who has been working on the case for more than 15 years and represents the Mid-Ohio Valley residents. "Our goal is to be able to get these resolved for them and move forward as quickly as we can."

In a written statement, DuPont spokesman Dan Turner pointed out the company's efforts to pay for the medical study of C8 and fund a medical monitoring program for residents exposed to the chemical.

"Lawsuits such as these ignore family history, lifestyle choices and other causes of health issues and disease in specific individuals," Turner said. "DuPont will vigorously defend against any and all such lawsuits not based upon valid science."

The roughly 50 recent lawsuits in Ohio and West Virginia, which seek unspecified damages, have been consolidated into one case being presided over by a federal judge in Columbus. The first trial in the matter is set for September 2015.

Many of the lawsuits are more than 50 pages long and accuse the company of negligence, concealment, fraud, deception, battery and the "negligent, intentional and reckless infliction of emotional distress and outrage." The lawsuits allege that DuPont's own research had concluded by at least 1961 that C8 was toxic and it conducted studies in the 1980s showing higher-than-normal birth defects among babies born to its female employees.

DuPont is accused of recklessly, maliciously and knowingly ignoring the risks and releasing C8 into the air and groundwater through its production practices, all while telling members of the public and news media that C8 was safe. "No reasonable person could be expected to endure the knowledge that an entity has knowingly and intentionally exposed them to years of harmful contact with a dangerous chemical, and has furthermore actively misrepresented and/or concealed such danger from them, while reaping hundreds of millions of dollars in profits as a direct and proximate result," the lawsuit says. □

Macys defends employees in alleged race stop

NEW YORK (AP) — No Macy's employees were involved in the detention or questioning of a black actor who claims he was stopped because of his race while shopping at the flagship Manhattan department store, Macy's officials said Sunday.

Rob Brown, a black actor who stars on the HBO series "Treme," has said he was detained nearly an hour by police on June 8 after employees contacted authorities about possible credit card fraud. The actor has filed a lawsuit.

In a statement, Macy's said there was no record of any employee contacting authorities about Brown's purchase of a luxury Movado watch. The store said police officers requested use of a room in the building and that request was granted.

The store said it was reaching out to Brown, and continuing to investigate the situation.

Brown's account comes after two black shoppers said they were racially profiled at Barneys New York.

Trayon Christian sued Barneys, saying he was accused of fraud after using his debit card to buy a \$349 Ferragamo belt in April. Kayla Philips filed a notice of claim saying she would sue after she was stopped by detectives outside the store when she bought a \$2,500 Celine handbag in February.

As the criticism grew, Barneys said it had retained a civil rights expert to help review its procedures. The CEO of Barneys, Mark Lee, offered his "sincere regret and deepest apologies." Kirsten John Foy, an official with the National Action Network, led by civil rights activist, the Rev. Al Sharpton, said he would meet with Barneys officials on Tuesday to discuss the racial profiling allegations. The allegations have led to pressure on rap mogul Jaz-Z to back out of a holiday season collaboration with Barneys. □

NYPD: Cousin admitted fatally stabbing mom, 4 kids

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A Chinese immigrant was arrested Sunday on five counts of murder in the deaths of his cousin's wife and her four children in a stabbing rampage in their Brooklyn

Zhuo, were pronounced dead at the scene, along with the youngest child, 1-year-old William Zhuo. Their brother, 5-year-old Kevin Zhuo, and 37-year-old mother, Qiao Zhen Li, were taken to hospitals, where they also were pro-

him," he said.

On Saturday night, Chen had apparently been acting in such a way that concerned Li, Banks said. She tried to call her husband, who wasn't home, but couldn't reach him. Banks said Li called her



A crime scene detective leaps up the steps at the scene of a multiple fatal stabbing Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, in the Sunset Park neighborhood of Brooklyn, in New York. Police said a mother and her four young children were stabbed to death in a brutal rampage just before 11 p.m. Saturday. The working-class neighborhood is home to many Chinese immigrants.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

home.

The suspect, 25-year-old Ming Don Chen, implicated himself in the stabbings late Saturday in the Sunset Park neighborhood, police said. Chief of Department Phil Banks said the victims "were cut and butchered with a kitchen knife."

Two girls, 9-year-old Linda Zhuo and 7-year-old Amy

nounced dead.

Chen is a cousin of the children's father and had been staying at the home for the past week or so, Banks said. He came to the United States from China in 2004 and seemingly struggled to make it, Banks said. "Ever since he came to this country, everybody seems to be doing better than

mother-in-law in China, who also was unsuccessful in reaching her son. The mother-in-law reached out to her daughter, who lives in the neighborhood, Banks said. She and her husband came to the house and banged on the door, then called police. Officers in the area investigating an

other matter responded, Banks said. "It's a scene you'll never forget," he said. The victims had wounds in their necks and torsos. Chen was in custody and wasn't immediately available to comment. He also faces counts of assault on a police officer, which happened while he was being processed, and resisting arrest, Banks said. Bob Madden, who lives nearby, was out walking his dog when he saw a man being escorted from the building by police. He was barefoot, wearing jeans, and "he was staring, he was expressionless," Madden said.

Yuan Gao, a cousin of the mother, said the man had recently moved to the area and had been staying with different people.

Fire department spokesman Jim Long said emergency workers responded just before 11 p.m. to an emergency call from a person stabbed at the residence in Sunset Park, a working-class neighborhood of adjoining two-story brick buildings with a large Chinese community. Neighbor May Chan told the Daily News it was "heartbreaking" to learn of the deaths. "I always see (the kids) running around here," Chan said. "They run around by my garage playing. They run up and down screaming." □

Ride operator charged over State Fair accident

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RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) — An amusement ride operator is in jail after investigators say someone tampered with a ride at the North Carolina State Fair and compromised safety devices. Timothy Dwayne Tutterrow of Quitman, Georgia, faces three counts of assault with a deadly weapon. He operated the ride when five people were hurt Thursday. Tutterrow is due in court Monday. His attorney said Sunday that Tutterrow is devastated by what hap-



Fairgrounds Police secure a barricade around the Vortex after an accident closed the ride at the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh, N.C. The accident occurred on the ride at the North Carolina State Fair, sending five people to the hospital with unknown injuries.

(AP Photo/Robert Willett)

pened. WakeMed hospital spokesman Thomas Morris said three people remained in the Raleigh hospital Sunday after the ride on the state fair's midway suddenly jolted into gear as people were exiting, dropping some riders from what eyewitnesses estimated to be 20 or 30 feet (6 to 9 meters) in the air.

Reached by phone Sunday, the family of 29-year-old Anthony Gorham and 39-year-old Kisha Gorham declined to talk about the victims. They and an unnamed 14-year-old were the ones still hospitalized. □

Sebelius to face tough questioning on health law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans said Sunday they intend to press Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on the Obama administration's troubled launch of healthcare.gov, the online portal to buy health insurance, the linchpin of the president's signature legislative achievement.

The Obama administration will face intense pressure next week to be more forthcoming about how many people have actually succeeded in enrolling for coverage in the new insurance markets. Medicare chief Marilyn Tavenner is to testify during a House hearing on Tuesday, followed Wednesday by Sebelius before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The officials will also be grilled on how such crippling technical problems could have gone undetected prior to the website's Oct. 1 launch.

"The incompetence in building this website is staggering," said Rep. Marsha Blackburn, the second

vide millions of people with affordable insurance. Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, a Democrat, said

is some transformational tool," like the new health insurance system.

Some states such as Kentucky have set up their own online exchanges which appear to be working better than the federal website which covers three dozen states. Many Republican-led states refused to set up their own exchanges because their governors oppose the health care overhaul, claiming it will cost jobs and increase government spending.

The marketplaces are the gateway to obtaining health insurance under the new health care law, which requires most Americans to have coverage by Jan. 1. Middle-class people who don't have insurance on the job can purchase a private plan with new tax credits to make the premiums more affordable. Low-income people will be steered to an expanded version of Medicaid — the

government-funded program that provides health care coverage for the poor—in states that agree to extend the safety net program

The U.S. has been the only major developed country without a national health care system, and the overhaul was supposed to change that. The system is not the centralized, government-run setup seen in places like Britain and instead uses various ways to require or encourage Americans to get private or, for the poor or elderly, government-provided insurance.

What's become known as "Obamacare" is the closest the U.S. has ever come to universal health care after a century of efforts, and it has been under heavy attack by opposition Republicans from the start.

Now, with congressional elections coming next year. □



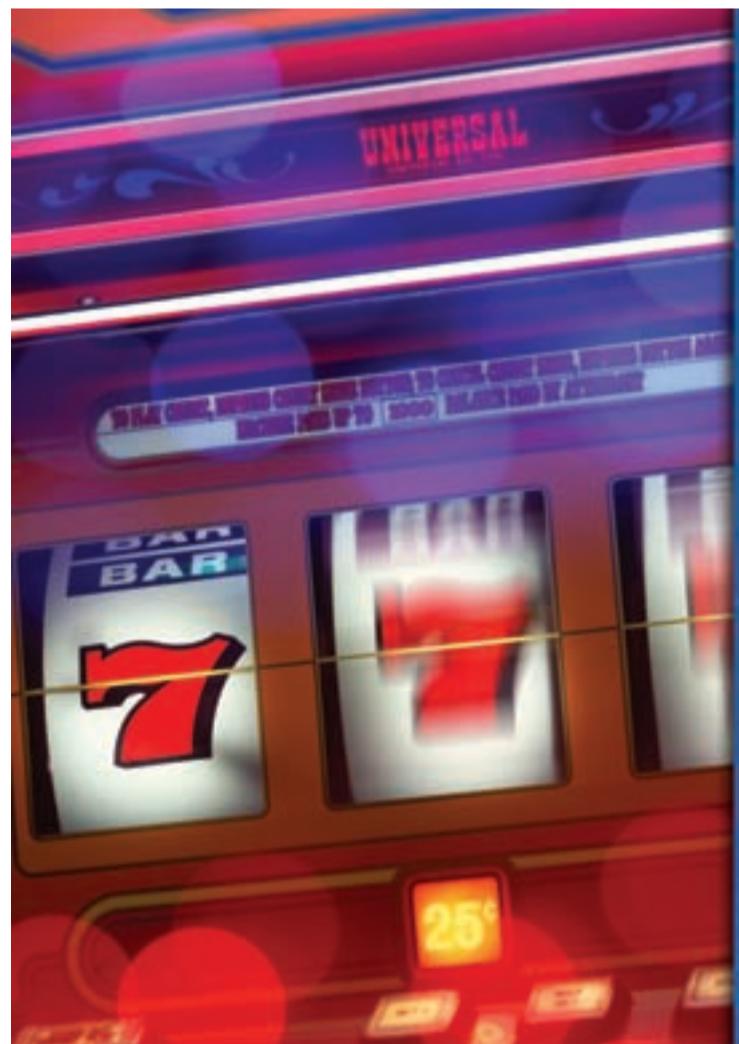
Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius arrives in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

ranking Republican on the panel and an opponent of the law.

Democrats said the new system needed time to get up and running, and it could be fixed to pro-

the system was "working in Kentucky," a state that has dealt with "some of the worst health statistics in the country ... The only way we're going to get ourselves out of the ditch



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FBI to investigate shooting of Calif. 13-year-old

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting an independent investigation of the fatal shooting of a popular 13-year-old boy by a sheriff's deputy in Northern California.

Sonoma County Sheriff Steve Freitas said in a statement Friday afternoon that he will cooperate fully with federal investigators and welcomes their participation in the probe of Andy Lopez's killing on Tuesday afternoon. The shooting has generated numerous protests and marches in the suburban town of Santa Rosa, with many residents questioning the deputy's decision to fire on the youth. Freitas also expressed sympathy to the Lopez family and thanked the Santa Rosa community for keeping protests peaceful. Police say Lopez was carrying a pellet gun that looked like an AK-47 assault rifle.

A timeline released Thursday by the Santa Rosa police shows that only 10 seconds passed from the moment that the sheriff's deputy and his partner called dispatch to report a suspicious person to the moment they called back to say shots had been fired. FBI spokesman Paul Lee said he did not know why his agency decided to get involved or whether local authorities had requested its help. More than 100 angry middle and high school students walked to City Hall on Friday, the Santa Rosa Press Democrat reported. Hundreds of people protested earlier in the week. City police and the Sonoma County district attorney's office are also investigating.

The Santa Rosa Police De-

partment said two deputies in a squad car encountered the hoodie-wearing Lopez just after 3:14 p.m. Witnesses say at least one of the deputies took cover behind an open front door of the cruiser, and one yelled twice "drop

teen didn't comply with commands to drop the gun and was turning toward the deputies while raising the barrel. "The deputy's mindset was that he was fearful that he was going to be shot," Henry said at a Wednes-

day news conference. Geoffrey Alpert, a professor of criminology at the University of South Carolina, said officers are typically justified in the use of deadly force when they sincerely believe lives are at stake. □



Law enforcement investigators comb the scene where a 13-year-old boy was shot and killed by officers in Santa Rosa, Calif. (AP Photo/Conner Jay)

the gun." Ten seconds after their initial report to dispatch, one of the officers called in "shot have been fired." Sixteen seconds later, the deputies were calling for medical help. Lopez was later pronounced dead at the scene. The Sonoma County coroner said he found seven "apparent entry wounds," two of them fatal.

The deputies, who have not been identified, have been placed on paid administrative leave, which is standard after a shooting, officials said.

Assistant Sheriff Lorenzo Duenas told the Press Democrat that the deputy who shot the teen is a 24-year veteran and his partner, who did not fire his weapon, is a new hire.

Santa Rosa police Lt. Paul Henry told the newspaper the deputy who opened fire later told investigators he believed his life as well his partner's was in jeopardy. The deputy said the

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Republican tests conservatism in Virginia governor race

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)

— State Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's campaign for governor of Virginia has always been a test of whether a deeply conservative Republican could win in a swing-voting state. For months, Cuccinelli — known outside his state for mounting the first-in-the-nation legal challenge to President Barack Obama's health care law — was locked in a competitive race with Democrat Terry McAuliffe as both candidates sought to court an ideologically diverse crop of voters, moderates and women among them.

Now with polls showing the Republican trailing with time running out and money drying up, Cuccinelli has



Republican gubernatorial candidate, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, right, and running mates Lt. Gov candidate, E.W. Jackson, center, and Attorney General candidate State Sen. Mark Obenshain, listen to speakers during a press conference at the Capitol in Richmond, Va., where they received the endorsement of the Fraternal Order of Police of Virginia. (AP Photo/Steve Helber)

started emphasizing his far-right credentials in hopes of firing up enough anti-

tax, small government tea party supporters and social conservatives to engineer

a come-from-behind victory in what's expected to be a low-participation election Nov. 5.

"I am indisputably the strongest liberty candidate ever elected statewide in Virginia in my lifetime. It's not even close," Cuccinelli said Saturday. "This is, at least in part, a referendum on Obamacare."

At a time when the national Republican Party is divided between its ideological and pragmatic wings, a Cuccinelli victory here could validate tea party power not just in the Republican Party but within the broader electorate. A defeat would show the insurgent group's limits and would give fodder to the Republican establishment arguing that nominating ideological purists is not a pathway to success.

The outcome also could give clues about which way the Republican Party moves heading into 2014's congressional elections when control of Congress will be at stake.

With 10 days to go in Virginia, surveys show McAuliffe ahead, and Democrats are trying to grow that lead by pouring a ton of money into the race. Last week, McAuliffe and Democratic allies outspent Cuccinelli by a 10-to-1 margin in television advertising in the state and are on track to spend almost \$14 million on ads in this campaign.

Much of that sizable amount has been spent on negative ads painting Cuccinelli as too extreme for the state. Democrats also have worked hard to link Cuccinelli to the donor scandal engulfing incumbent Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell and the shutdown of the federal government in Washington. Virginia is home to a sizable number of federal

workers and civilian military employees impacted by the shutdown. All that has left Cuccinelli politically wounded. With turnaround options dwindling, Cuccinelli has little choice but to focus on energizing his core supporters. In the homestretch, he's primarily campaigning in conservative areas of the state on its southern and western borders. He has all but stopped running television ads in Democratic- and moderate-heavy northern Virginia, in the costly Washington media market. And he's appearing alongside tea party heroes: Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul will campaign with him Monday at Liberty University, founded by evangelical conservative Jerry Falwell, in Lynchburg and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal arrives a day later.

Despite Cuccinelli's staunchly conservative positions, Republicans have not unified behind him. A Quinnipiac University poll found 81 percent of likely Republican voters backed him, while 11 percent are backing the libertarian candidate, Robert Sarvis. Another 2 percent of Republicans say they are supporting McAuliffe.

So, the Republican is doing what has worked in his past elections: energizing his main backers on the right by promoting his deeply conservative beliefs.

With this strategy, he won his 2007 state Senate seat by just 92 votes, and two years later came from 16 percentage points down to win his race for state attorney general.

The difference: those races were for lower offices, and they didn't come with millions of negative ads from Democrats arguing that his conservative record puts him out of step with the state's diverse voters. □



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The real Sleepy Hollow sees spooky boost in tourism

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I love anything to do with history, and I said, 'There's a real Sleepy Hollow. Let's go for a few days.'"

Also in town was the Werner family of Greenwood, Indiana, who headed for Irving's gravesite at the historic Sleepy Hollow cemetery and planned to visit his home in nearby Tarrytown. Christian Werner, 10, wore a cemetery-appropriate skeleton T-shirt.

"We've always kind of wanted to come here, and we love the TV show," said his mother, Jill Werner. She said her younger son, 7-year-old Colin, planned to dress as the Headless Horseman for Halloween back home.

Anthony Giaccio, the village administrator, said, "We've always had people from all over come to our Halloween events, but the Fox show has really added to that."

On the local tourism website, "every time there's a show, the hits spike, and we're at three times more than last year," Giaccio said. The extra attention fits the village's goal of encouraging tourism to support a downtown that has struggled since General Motors closed an assembly plant in 1996. Later that year, the village voted to change its name from North Tarrytown to Sleepy Hollow. In 2006, on Halloween, an 18-by-18-foot (5.4-by-5.4-meter) sculpture depicting the climax of Irving's story was installed alongside Route 9. With a haunted Horseman's Hollow at an 18th-century mill and performances of the "Legend" at the Old Dutch Church, the village is part of Historic Hudson Valley's increasingly popular Halloween attractions. □

Giaccio said the tourist season seems to be getting longer, starting in mid-September and stretching into mid-November, but the village hopes to encourage people to visit at other times of the year as well. A current TV ad, created using a state grant, says Sleepy Hollow "isn't all about horror" — but the characters intoning the phrase include the Grim Reaper and a disembodied head. Mark Goffman, an executive producer of "Sleepy Hollow," said Irving's tale was inspirational. "Every Halloween I was read it as a kid, and I have loved it," he said. "The idea that you can take this short story, which has such iconic characters in it, and then recreate it and reinvent it and involve the Revolution and put it in modern times, all told it just makes for a really epic kind of drama." Even apart from the time travel, many liberties are taken on TV. To name just a few, Ichabod Crane is handsome, there are several Starbucks in Sleepy Hollow and the population is 144,000 instead of 10,000. An upcoming episode will suggest a "blood tie" between Crane and the Horseman, Goffman said. It all appears to be working. The debut episode of "Sleepy Hollow" was Fox's most successful fall drama premiere since "24" began in 2001, and the series was renewed for a second season after just three episodes. "The short story is 17 pages long, and we're creating a show that will hopefully be on for a very long time," Goffman said. "So we drew upon the short story as a basis and really needed to mold it into something new that people hadn't seen before." □

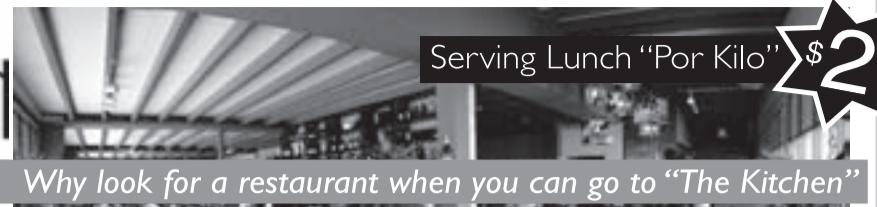


Photo shows the Old Dutch Church and Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in the actual town of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. The village of Sleepy Hollow is even busier than usual this Halloween, thanks to a new "Sleepy Hollow" TV series inspired by the tale of the Headless Horseman.

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Banners surface in Iran reflecting hard-line backlash

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) —

Banners that suddenly cropped up around Tehran in the past week depict an American diplomat dressed in a jacket and tie, while under the negotiating table he is wearing military pants and pointing a shotgun at an Iranian envoy. The anti-American images were ordered taken down Saturday by Tehran authorities. But they made their point.

It was another salvo by hard-liners who are opposed to President Hassan Rouhani's pursuit of better ties with Washington and worried that Iran could make unnecessary concessions in its nuclear program in exchange for relief from Western sanctions.

The banners and posters were something of a warm-up to the main event: Rouhani's critics are planning major anti-U.S. rallies — and amped-up "Death to America" chants — on the Nov. 4 anniversary of the U.S. Embassy takeover in 1979 following the Islamic Revolution. Anti-American murals have long been part of the urban landscape in Iran, and include images of the Statue of Liberty transformed into a creepy skeleton and bombs raining down from the Stars and Stripes. The storming of the U.S. Embassy is marked every year with protests outside the compound's brick walls. Now, however, the images reflect internal divisions in Iran and suggest more intrigue ahead.

Rouhani's groundbreaking overtures to the U.S. appear to have the backing of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. This means that — at least

diplomatic no man's land between the countries. However, the criticism and protests by hard-line resisters, led by the Revolutionary Guard, are as much



A poster depicting an American negotiator wearing a suit jacket and tie at a negotiating table and a dog to his side is displayed in Palestine square, Tehran, Iran, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has described his outreach to the U.S. as part of a "new era" and a chance to put the nuclear standoff with the West to rest.

(AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)

for the moment — he has the ultimate political cover to try to reach a nuclear deal and perhaps find other ways to cross the 34-year

directed at Rouhani's government as they are intended as a message for the supreme leader.

The Guard and others

know that Khamenei does not want to risk an open confrontation that could sow further discord in Iran. The subtext of the posters and banners: More pressure could come if Rouhani's government is perceived as moving too fast toward concessions when nuclear talks resume next week in Geneva with the U.S. and other world powers. The signs had an agency quality that is rare compared with the usual anti-American fare of simple fliers and hand-lettered placards. "American Honesty," read one in Farsi and slightly mangled English, showing the U.S. negotiator with the shotgun under the table. Another depicted an American negotiator in a suit, a black attack dog by his side. The third one showed an open hand facing the open claws of what appeared to be an eagle, the symbol of the U.S. □



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Watchdog: Syria has filed chemical weapon details

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — Syria has filed details of its poison gas and nerve agent program and an initial plan to destroy it to the world's chemical weapons watchdog, the organization announced Sunday.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said in a statement that Syria completed its declaration Thursday, as part of a strict and ambitious timeline that aims to destroy the lethal stockpile by mid-2014.

The Hague-based group said such declarations by member states "provide the basis on which plans are devised for a systematic, total and verified destruction of declared

chemical weapons and production facilities."

Such declarations made to the organization remain confidential and no details of Syria's program were released.

Syria already had given preliminary details to the OPCW when it said it was joining the organization in September in a move that warded off possible U.S. military strikes in the aftermath of an Aug. 21 chemical weapon attack on a Damascus suburb. Syria denies responsibility for the deadly attack.

OPCW inspectors were hastily dispatched to Syria this month and have visited most of the 23 sites Damascus declared and begun overseeing destruction work to ensure that machines used to mix chemi-

cals and fill munitions with poison gas are no longer functioning.

Syria is believed to possess around 1,000 metric tons of chemical weapons, including mustard gas and sarin.

It has not yet been decided how or where destruction of Syria's chemical weapons will happen. Syria's declaration includes a general plan for destruction that will be considered by the OPCW's 41-nation executive council on Nov. 15. Norway's foreign minister announced Friday that the country had turned down a U.S. request to receive the bulk of Syria's chemical weapons for destruction because it doesn't have the capabilities to complete the task by the deadlines given. □

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Wave of attacks kills at least 66 people in Iraq

SINAN SALAHEDDIN
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A series of attacks including car bombings in Baghdad, an explosion at a market and a suicide assault in a northern city killed at least 66 people Sunday across Iraq, officials said, the latest in a wave of violence washing over the country. Coordinated bombings hit Iraq multiple times each month, feeding a spike in bloodshed that has killed more than 5,000 people since April. The local branch of al-Qaida often takes responsibility for the assaults, although there was no immediate claim for Sunday's blasts.

Sunday's attacks were the deadliest single-day series of assaults since Oct. 5, when 75 people were killed in violence.

Police officers said that the bombs in the capital,

placed in parked cars and detonated over a half-hour period, targeted commercial areas and parking lots, killing 42 people.

The deadliest blasts struck in the southeastern Nahrwan district, where two car bombs exploded simultaneously, killing seven and wounding 15, authorities said. Two other explosions hit the northern Shaab and southern Abu Dashir neighborhoods, each killing six people, officials said. Other blasts hit the neighborhoods of Mashtal, Baladiyat and Ur in eastern Baghdad, the southwestern Bayaa district and the northern Sab al-Bor and Hurriyah districts. Meanwhile, in the northern city of Mosul, a suicide bomber drove his explosives-laden car into a group of soldiers as they were sealing off a street leading to a bank where

troops were receiving salaries, killing 14, a police officer said. At least 30 people were wounded, the officer

drive-by shooting. The former insurgent stronghold of Mosul is located about 360 kilometers (30 miles) north of Baghdad, authorities said. Sunday night, police said mortar shells landed on homes in a Shiite district of Madain, a town just south of Baghdad, killing four people and wounding nine, officials said.

Such coordinated attacks are a favorite tactic of al-Qaida's local branch. It frequently targets civilians in markets, cafes and commercial streets in Shiite areas in an attempt to undermine confidence in the government, as well as members of the security forces. All of the car bombings Sunday in Baghdad struck Shiite neighborhoods. □



Baghdad municipality workers clear debris while citizens inspect the site of a car bomb attack in the Sha'ab neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013. Insurgents on Sunday unleashed a new wave of car bombs in Shiite neighborhoods of Baghdad, killing and wounding some dozens of people, officials said. (AP Photo/ Karim Kadim) said. Also in Mosul, police said gunmen shot dead two off-duty soldiers in a

ters (225 miles) northwest of Baghdad. In the afternoon, a bomb

Israel agrees to release 26 Palestinian prisoners

ARON HELLER
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel agreed Sunday to release 26 long-serving Palestinian prisoners as part of a U.S.-brokered deal that led to the resumption of Mideast peace talks.

The Cabinet vote set into motion the second leg of prisoner releases agreed upon before Israel and the Palestinians renewed long-frozen peace negotiations in August. At the same time, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is planning on approving new settlement construction to appease hard-liners who oppose the release.

The fate of Palestinian prisoners stirs strong emotions on both sides, highlighting the competing narratives

of the conflict. Many of those to be freed were involved in killing Israelis.

Most Palestinians view the prisoners as heroes, regardless of their acts, arguing they made personal sacrifices in the struggle for independence. Most Israelis view them as terrorists for targeting civilians.

In all, 104 Palestinian prisoners are to be released in four stages during the nine months set aside for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

The vote followed an Israel announcement that it will soon advance new West Bank settlement construction plans — highlighting an apparent settlements-for-prisoners trade-off that got both sides back to peace talks after a five-year freeze. □



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At least 22 killed ahead of Philippine village elections

JIM GOMEZ,
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —
At least 22 candidates and supporters have been killed

in election-related violence over the past month ahead of this week's village polls across the Philippines, police said Sunday, under-

scoring the violent downside of one of Asia's most rambunctious democracies.

Twenty-seven other people

have been wounded in violence linked to election rivalries, mostly in shootouts, national police spokesman Senior Superintendent Reu-

ben Theodore Sindac said. At least 588 people have been arrested for violating an elections gun ban, with police confiscating nearly 500 firearms, 4,000 rounds of ammunition, 191 knives and 68 grenades.

Fifteen people were killed in village election violence in 2010, Sindac said.

Government troops and police have gone on full alert for Monday's day-long balloting, especially in about 6,000 of 42,028 villages nationwide considered security hotspots due to a history of electoral violence or past attacks by Muslim and communist insurgents or al-Qaida-linked militants.

"Our elections in the past have always been marred by untoward incidents," military spokesman Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala said, adding that government forces would guard against "spoilers to this democratic exercise."

More than 800,000 candidates are vying for chairmanships and other posts in urban and rural villages, locally called barangays — the Philippines' smallest political units, where violence and fraud are as much a concern as they are in elections for higher office.

In the latest violence, unidentified men opened fire on a police car carrying an elections officer and policemen Sunday, setting off a gunbattle that wounded the poll official, two policemen and a civilian in Palanas town in central Masbate province, police said. □

Spaniards protest release of ETA prisoners

HAROLD HECKLE
Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Several thousand people gathered in downtown Madrid on Sunday to protest a European court ruling that has led to the release of imprisoned Basque separatists convicted of terror attacks.

The Strasbourg-based European Court of Human Rights found that prisoners who had served time and completed sentence reduction programs couldn't have their jail terms re-interpreted by Spain's judiciary.

The court's decision



Protestors walks by a poster reading: "ETA (Basque separatist organization) murderers. Government and EU accomplices. With us will be Justice for the terrorist: life sentence or death penalty", during a demonstration in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.

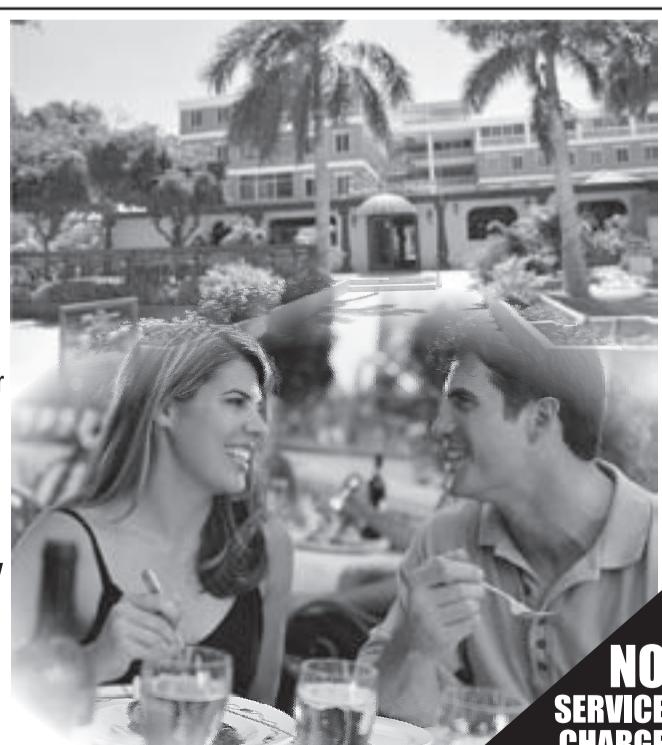
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centered on the case of Ines del Rio Prada, who was sentenced in 1987 to a total of 3,828 years for multiple terror attacks carried out as a member of the armed Basque group ETA.

The attacks she took part in killed a total of 24 people. Del Rio was due for release in 2008, but Spain's courts ruled her sentence reduction was applicable to her full sentence and not the 30-year maximum term the law actually allows. Del Rio has been freed since Tuesday's ruling, as has another ETA prisoner. The court's ruling cannot be appealed further.

"As a result of this ruling, I have to assume that ETA has achieved its objectives," said Alfonso Sanchez, 47, who was wounded in a 1985 ETA bomb blast.

"All I want is for the law to be enforced and respected, and that we should honor the memory and dignity of the victims." Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has called the European court's ruling the worst possible outcome because it will mean that around 100 other prisoners, including convicted terrorists and killers who fall into the same category as Del Rio, will have to be freed. □



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Colombian rebels free former US GI

VIVIAN SEQUERA

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Colombia's main leftist rebel group on Sunday released a former U.S. army private who the guerrillas seized in June after he refused to heed local officials' warnings and wandered into rebel-held territory. Kevin Scott Sutay, who is in his late 20s, was quietly turned over to Norwegian and Colombian officials along with the International Committee of the Red Cross in the same southeastern region where he had disappeared four months earlier.

In a statement, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry almost immediately thanked Colombia's government for its "tireless efforts" in securing the Afghanistan war veteran's release. Kerry also thanked the Rev. Jesse Jackson for advocating it. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, had said it was abandoning kidnapping as a condition for the launching of peace talks that began 11 months ago to end a half-century internal conflict. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos resisted FARC efforts to make what he deemed a "media show" of Sutay's release and no images were released of the early morning jungle handover or of reported his late-morning arrival in Bogota, the capital. □

Argentine leader's power at stake in Congress vote

MICHAEL WARREN

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)

— Argentines voted Sunday in nationwide congressional elections that marked the beginning of the end of a government led by Cristina Fernandez and her late husband Nestor Kirchner since 2003. And after a decade of increasing presidential power, the new Congress could be in a position to reassert itself during the final two years of her second term. Fernandez remains Argentina's most popular politician nationwide, and has kept rivals in check by having allies float the idea of a "re-re-election" to a third term. But Sunday's vote was expected to bury that idea by denying her the two-thirds super-majorities needed in both houses of congress to change the constitution.

Some pre-election polling suggested that the ruling Front for Victory, known as the FPV, and its allies will barely hold onto their majority in the lower house and are more likely to lose the Senate. Fernandez needs a majority in each house to reach a quorum and push through her agenda, and the ruling party has already lost some sure votes in the current Congress. With half of the lower house and a third of the Senate up for grabs, she could lose more. Of 257 seats in the Cham-



Sergio Massa, Argentina's leading opposition candidate for congress, poses for cameras as he casts his ballot during midterm legislative elections in Buenos Aires' Tigre district, Argentina, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013. Sunday's run-up to congressional elections will decide how much control President Cristina Fernandez will have over Argentine politics during the final two years of her presidency.

(AP Photo/Natacha Pisarenko)

ber of Deputies, the FPV has 115 official seats, but can depend on only 109 or 110 votes from its own members, which together with allies provides her with the total she needs. In the current Senate, the FPV has 32 seats, and can count on allies for a total of 38 votes, barely more than the 37 needed for a majority in the 72-member chamber. As a lame-duck president with no clear successor, Fernandez will have to find new ways of dominating opponents and even maintaining the loyalty of politicians within the ruling Front for Victory, the center-leftist branch of Argentina's mul-

tifaceted and fractious Peronist party.

Some 30 million of Argentina's 40 million people were registered to vote in the mandatory election, facing minor fines if they don't cast ballots. But they'll likely have to wait for weeks or months, until the new Congress is seated and their loyalty is tested, to know whether President Fernandez will be forced to abandon her steam-rolling, "we're going for more" leadership style.

Argentina doesn't use unified ballots; voters instead choose between glossy fliers of slates of candidates printed by each political

movement, and until the final results are published, it won't be clear how many of each slate's candidates will get seated. Cutting and combining ballots to choose candidates from multiple parties and movements is possible, but rare. In the all-important Buenos Aires province, the ruling Front for Victory's slate was led by congressional candidate Martin Insurralde, a little-known mayor of a minor municipality. Before she was diagnosed with a head injury on Oct. 6, Fernandez appeared with him at every major campaign event, sometimes doing all the talking. □



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City security officers escort a monkey busker as he was caught on a street in Jakarta, Indonesia. Security forces are fanning out across Jakarta conducting raids to rescue macaques used in popular street masked monkey performances in a move aimed at improving public order and preventing diseases carried by the monkeys.

(AP Photo/Tatan Syuflana)

Indonesia to ban monkey business in capital Jakarta

NINIEK KARMINI

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's capital is saying no to monkey business. Literally.

Security forces are fanning out across Jakarta conducting raids to rescue macaques used in popular street masked monkey performances.

The order came from Jakarta Gov. Joko Widodo, better known as "Jokowi," who wants all roadside monkey performances — known here as 'topeng monyet' — gone by next year.

He said that besides improving public order and stopping animal abuse, the move is aimed at preventing diseases carried by the monkeys.

The city government will buy back all monkeys used as street buskers for about \$90 and shelter them at a 1-hectare (2.5-acre) preserve at Jakarta's Ragunan Zoo. The handlers and caretakers will be provided vocational training to help find new jobs.

Animal rights groups have long campaigned for a ban on the shows, which often involve monkeys wearing plastic baby doll heads on their faces. They say the monkeys are hung from chains for long periods to train them to walk on their hind legs like humans. Their teeth are pulled so they can't bite, and they are tortured to remain obedient. The monkeys are often outfitted in dresses and cowboy hats and forced to carry parasols or ride tiny bikes. Femke den Haas of the Jakarta Animal Aid Network welcomed the decision, saying at least 22 monkeys have been rescued since the sweep began last week and quarantined for health issues. She estimated about 350 animals work as street performers in Jakarta, adding they are no longer able to live with other primates in zoos and cannot defend themselves in the wild. □

Dubai's newest airport inaugurated

AYA BATRAWY

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A flight carrying a little more than 100 passengers from Budapest touched down Sunday at Dubai's new Al Maktoum International Airport, a modest first arrival for a terminal designers hope will be the world's largest in just 10 years.

The United Arab Emirates'

ger terminal.

Aviation comprises 28 percent of Dubai's gross domestic product, some \$22 billion a year. Much of the current revenue comes from Dubai International Airport, which is the fourth busiest airport in the world serving around 57 million passengers last year. That airport, though, is expected to reach its full capacity of 90 million passenger

The airport has been open since 2010 to cargo flights. Around 36 freight operators regularly operate at the airport.

However, with just three agreements signed with passenger airlines, DWC still has miles to go before it rivals other destinations. DWC does not offer connection flights for transfer passengers yet. Construction of the airport's mega



Passengers check-in at the newly opened Al Maktoum International Airport in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013. The first passengers have arrived at Dubai's newest airport, part of the United Arab Emirates' plans to become a major air travel destination. The new airport is known by the code DWC for Dubai World Center.

(AP Photo/Patrick Castillo, Emarat Al Youm)

most flashy city-state, known for its high-flying ambitions, already gave the new airport the code DWC for Dubai World Central. The name mirrors Dubai's vision of itself as a connection point between east and west.

The airport's construction and development is forecast to cost more than \$32 billion. When complete, it will have five runways capable of handling 160 million passengers a year. About 63 percent of that will be people in transit, said Dubai Airports CEO Paul Griffiths at the inauguration of the new passenger

by 2020.

The new Al Maktoum International Airport is an attempt to hold Dubai's edge in the market.

"There is a lot of pressure to get the airport running," Griffiths said. "Its ambition is to be the world's largest airport and the world's largest hub."

Dubai's pivotal location on the eastern tip of the Arabian Peninsula makes it a gateway from Europe to the east, said Josef Varadi, CEO of the privately-owned Hungarian Wizz Air. His company's passenger flight was the first to arrive at the new airport.

terminal is well behind schedule following the 2009 financial crisis. It is also tricky for passengers to travel to or from the sole working terminal without a car since the city's mass transit stops well before the airport.

Griffiths said there are plans being drafted for the airport by 2025 to accommodate the needs of Emirates, the Middle East's biggest airline. It currently bases out of Dubai International Airport.

He declined to say what kind of incentives were being offered to airlines to lure them to DWC. □

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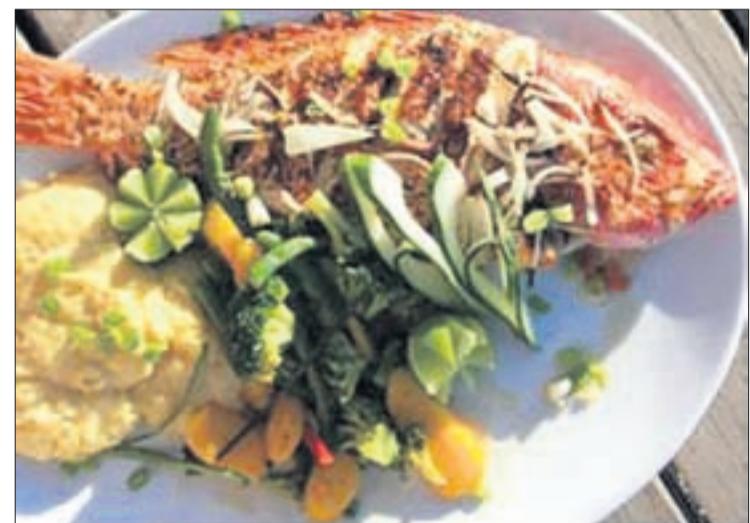
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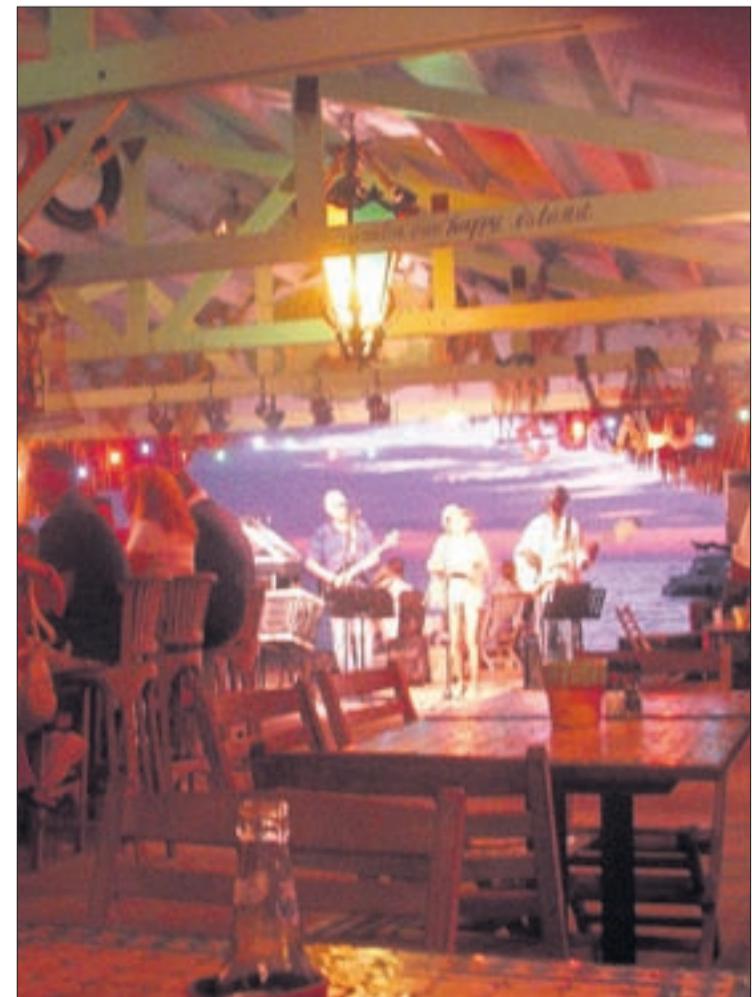
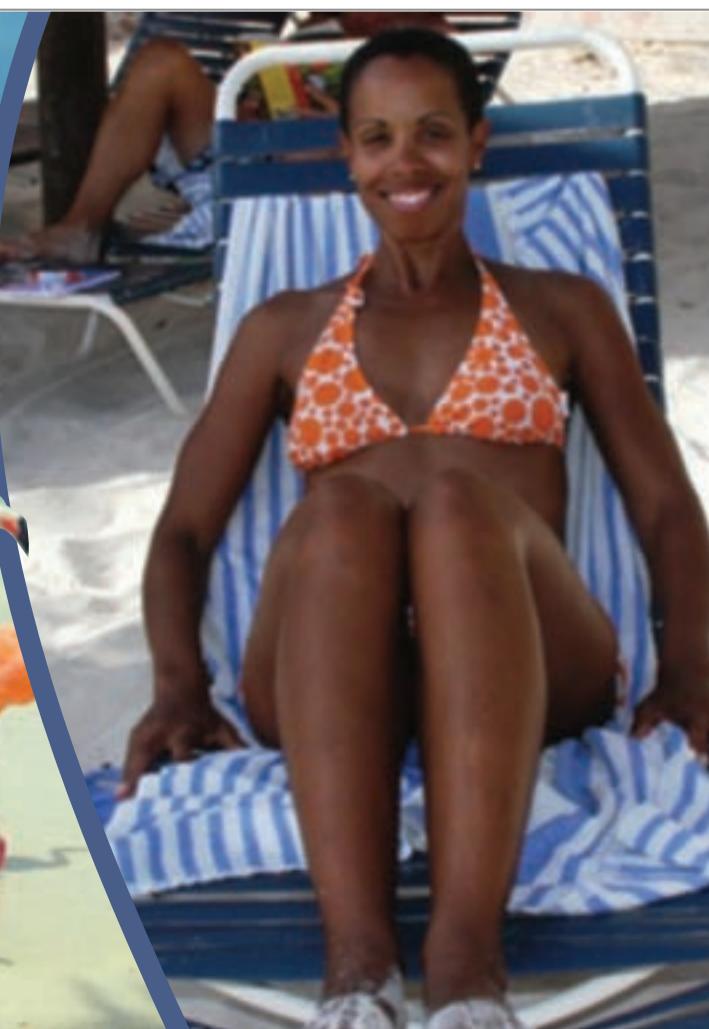
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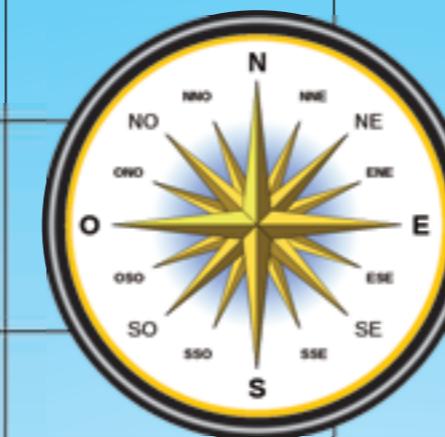
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Gomes, Red Sox beat Cards 4-2 to even WS at 2-all

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Jonny Gomes got the Red Sox even in this wild World Series, thanks partly to Shane Victorino's aching back. Inserted into the lineup about 75 minutes before gametime, Gomes hit a three-run homer off reliever Seth Maness in the sixth inning that led Boston to a 4-2 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday night, tying the Series at two games apiece. Felix Doubront and surprise reliever John Lackey, both starters during the regular season, picked up for a gritty Clay Buchholz to help the Red Sox ensure the Series will return to Boston. And one night after that game-ending obstruction call, another unusual ending. Koji Uehara picked off rookie pinch-runner Kolten Wong at first base for the final out - with postseason star Carlos Beltran standing at the plate. Game 5 is Monday night at Busch Stadium, with Boston left-hander Jon Lester facing Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright in a rematch of the opener won 8-1 by the Red Sox. Gomes helped get Boston started in the fifth when he followed David Ortiz's leadoff double with a 10-pitch walk that tired starter Lance Lynn, who had faced the minimum 12 batters through the first four innings. Stephen Drew's



sacrifice fly tied the score 1-all, erasing a deficit created when center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury's third-inning error advanced Matt Carpenter into scoring position for Beltran's RBI single. Ortiz, who homered in the first two games of the Series, had three of Boston's six hits and was the club's leader, smacking his hands together and screaming at teammates to get going when he pulled into second base on his double. Then, after the fifth inning, he huddled the Red Sox for a pep talk in the dugout. Not long after, Gomes' drive put Boston ahead 4-1 in the sixth. With adrenaline taking over, Gomes spiked an arm through the air as he rounded first base, yelled and banged his chest with a fist twice. Teammates tugged on Gomes' beard for good luck when he got back to the dugout, including a two-handed pull by Mike Napoli. While talk of umpires' calls dominated discussion following two of the opening three games, this one turned on a manager's pregame decision. John Farrell's original Red Sox lineup didn't include Gomes, but Victorino's back had been bothering him since Saturday, so Daniel Nava was moved from left field to right and from fifth to second in the batting order.

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Obstruction call becomes talk of baseball world

BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — By Sunday morning, most everyone with an interest in baseball had become an expert on the obstruction rule. "How can u make a call like that in the World Series," rapper Lil Wayne

tweeted.

"Worst ending to a World Series game ever!" PGA golfer Hunter Mahan posted.

"Obstruction of justice," Arizona Cardinals kicker Jay Feely wrote.

No matter that the Official Baseball Rules have

a slightly different take on what happened when St. Louis runner Allen Craig tripped over Boston third baseman Will Middlebrooks in Game 3 late Saturday night.

But anytime someone scores the winning run with two outs in the bottom

of the ninth inning without even touching home plate — called safe on an extremely rare ruling by an umpire — it's bound to cause a little ruckus.

"Umps made the right call last night. I still put my fist thru the wall. And I'm in a hotel so it was expensive,"

comedian and Massachusetts native Denis Leary tweeted.

All sides seemed to agree on this point: Allen Craig tripping over Boston third baseman Will Middlebrooks likely made for the most crazy, chaotic October finish of all-time. □

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Kaepernick leads 49ers over Jags 42-10 in London

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LONDON (AP)—He ran. He threw. He conquered.

Colin Kaepernick did it all Sunday, rushing for two touchdowns and throwing for another to lead the San Francisco 49ers to their fifth straight victory, 42-10 over the winless Jacksonville Jaguars at Wembley Stadium. "The offensive line did a great job, made it easy for me," said Kaepernick, who led the 49ers to the Super Bowl last year. "I think this is one of the first game that we started that fast."

Kaepernick ended up with 164 yards passing and 54 yards rushing, Frank Gore also ran for two scores and 71 yards, while Kendall Hunter rushed for 84 yards for the 49ers (6-2).

But it was Kaepernick that made the key plays by when the team needed it early.

"He looked much like a running back, and that's great courage," 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh said. "You don't always see that in the quarterback position. As soon as he saw that window, he had a great dart and speed to get the ball into the end zone."

The Jaguars (0-8) were the "home" team at London's iconic soccer venue, playing in the British capital for the first of their four-year run of regular-season NFL games in London.

They had plenty of fan support, too, with many of the 83,559 spectators waving their giveaway Jaguars flags throughout the evening.

None of that affected what was happening on the field, and on the field it wasn't pretty for the Jags. "Our season's not over,"

Jaguars receiver Justin Blackmon. "We're not going to just go out there and get our (butts) kicked, we're going to go back

out there and fight."

Kaepernick made his first big play on San Francisco's first possession, quickly throwing to fullback Bruce Miller on the right sideline for a 43-yard gain. A few plays later, Kaepernick scrambled for 4 1/2 yards on a third-and 5, setting up Gore for a short gain and a first down.

After an incomplete pass, Gore ran 19 yards for the first touchdown.

Kaepernick took over the scoring after that, running 13 yards and diving into the corner for the second touchdown late in the first quarter, then passing to Vernon Davis in the corner of the end zone for another, and finally holding it and scrambling for 7 yards and a touchdown.

And all in the first half.

"Kaepernick is a stud athlete and he showed it again tonight," Jaguars linebacker Paul Posluszny said.

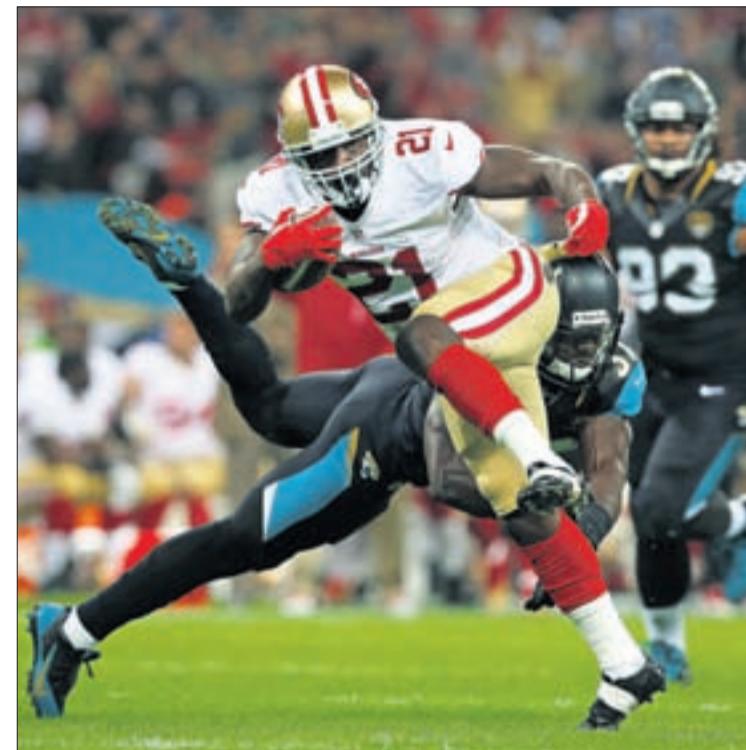
Besides a 38-yard field goal by Josh Scobee in the waning seconds of the half to make it 28-3, Jacksonville had little to be happy about. But the 49ers fumbled in their own territory late in the third quarter, giving the Jaguars their best chance to score. They took it as Chad Henne tossed a 29-yard touchdown pass to Mike Brown to make it 28-10 with 3:00 to go.

The Niners bounced right back, first with Kyle Williams returning the kick 47 yards before getting pushed out of bounds. Hunter ran 41 yards on the next play, bringing the ball to the Jacksonville 13.

Gore then ran for 9 yards, 2 yards and the final 2 on three straight plays for the touchdown.

San Francisco linebacker Dan Skuta scored the final points, recovering a fumble and running it back 45 yards for a touchdown

after Marcedes Lewis let the ball loose following a 6-yard completion from Henne. "There are definitely some plays that we needed to make, and the red zone really killed us," Henne said. "If it's just players needing to make plays, we have to make them. We need to man up." Both teams have a bye next week, as is usual after the trip to London. The Jags then visit Tennessee on Nov. 10 while the 49ers host Carolina. □



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Red Sox beat Cards

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Gomes was inserted into the No. 5 hole behind Ortiz. Gomes had been 0 for 9 in the Series before the home run, and Red Sox outfielders had been 4 for 40 with no RBIs. Following Dustin Pedroia's two-out single and a four-pitch walk to Ortiz by Lynn, Maness threw five straight sliders to

Gomes, who sent the last one into the Red Sox bullpen in left as Matt Holliday kept running back only to run out of room.

Carpenter singled in a run in the seventh off Craig Breslow in the seventh after pinch-hitter Shane Robinson doubled with two outs against Doubront on a ball

that skidded away from Gomes. Junichi Tazawa came in and got Holliday to hit an inning-ending grounder to second, a night after allowing a tie-breaking, two-run double to Holliday.

Doubront got the win with 2 2-3 innings of one-hit relief. Lackey, the Game 2 loser and Boston's probable Game 6 starter, pitched the eighth for his first relief appearance in



Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz slides safely past St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina during the fifth inning of Game 4 of baseball's World Series Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, in St. Louis. Ortiz scored on a sacrifice fly by Stephen Drew.

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nine years, overcoming a two-base throwing error by third baseman Xander Bogaerts - Boston's seventh error of the Series - and a wild pitch.

With a runner on third, Lackey got Jon Jay to pop up and David Freese to ground out.

Uehara, Boston's sixth pitcher, got three outs for his sixth save this postseason, completing a six-hitter. Lynn was the hard-luck loser, leaving with the score tied and two on for Maness, who allowed Gomes' homer on his fifth pitch.

A night after one of the craziest endings in Series history - an obstruction call on Red Sox third baseman Will Middlebrooks - Boston ensured the Series will return to Fenway Park for Game 6 on Wednesday night.

It was a special anniversary for both teams. Exactly nine years earlier, the Red Sox completed a four-game sweep of the Cardinals across the street at old Busch Stadium for their first championship since 1918. And two years earlier, Freese hit a tying, two-run, two-out triple in the ninth against Texas and a winning homer in the 11th to force a Game 7, which St. Louis won the following night.

Buchholz, in his first appearance since the AL championship series finale on Oct. 19, fought through shoulder issues and his velocity topped out at 90 mph. He lasted a season-low four innings and 66 pitches before he was lifted for

a pinch-hitter, but he allowed just an unearned run and three hits.

Fielding for the Red Sox became trouble again in the third when Carpenter singled to center with one out, and the ball appeared to take a high hop and roll away from Ellsbury. Carpenter sprinted to second on the second error of the Series by Ellsbury - who had just three during the regular season.

Beltran singled into center field two pitches later, making him 8 for 10 with 12 RBIs with runners in scoring position during the post-season.

There almost was another miscue in the fourth following a one-out walk to Jay. Freese bounced to Drew, and the shortstop grabbed the grounder on the run and flipped the ball with his glove high to Pedroia at second.

He jumped and just got his left foot down in time to force Jay, who slid into him hard.

After Ortiz's double to the right-center field wall in the fifth, Gomes fell behind 0-2 in the count and then worked out his walk. Lynn appeared to be too fine with his pitches as he walked rookie Bogaerts, loading the bases, and Drew lofted a fly to medium left near the foul line.

Holliday's one-hop throw home hit the sliding Ortiz in the back and bounced away. Lynn recovered to strike out David Ross and induce an inning-ending groundout from pinch-hitter Mike Carp. □



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Gordon grabs 1st win of season at Martinsville

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AP Auto Racing Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Virginia (AP)

— Jeff Gordon pulled into the championship picture Sunday with a win at Martinsville Speedway, his first of the season. It was Gordon's eighth career win at Martinsville, but first since he swept the two races at the track in 2005. He's tied with Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson for Martinsville victories, but both trail Richard Petty (15) and Darrell Waltrip (11) on the career list.

Most important, though, is that the victory moved Gordon from fifth to third in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Matt Kenseth and Johnson left Martinsville tied atop the standings with three races remaining, and Gordon sits 27 points behind the leaders. Kevin Harvick is 28 points out, while Kyle Busch is 36 points behind. Kenseth led a race-high 202 laps and was out front on the final restart with 77 laps remaining and Gordon lurking in third. Gordon stalked him for more than 50 laps, thinking to himself, "What would Jimmie Johnson do, or better yet, what would Richard Petty do?" before finally making the pass for the lead with 21 laps remaining.

Gordon didn't look back in snapping a 32-race losing streak dating to last year's season finale at Homestead.

"Matt drove a really first-class caliber race today and I didn't know if we were going to get him, but it sure was awesome when we finally did and just kind of hoped there were no cautions," Gordon said.

The victory clinched the manufacturers' championship for Chevrolet, which won for the 11th consecu-

tive season and 37th time overall. Chevrolet did it this year in the debut season of its SS race car.

Kenseth tied his career-best with a second-place finish, closing the gap on Johnson, who was up four points as they came into one of Johnson's best tracks and one of Kenseth's worst tracks. He had to drive from the middle of the pack to save his finish after a call not to pit midway through the race backfired, but Kenseth was still a bit disappointed not to leave with the victory.

"Whenever your team puts you in front for that last run and you're out there leading, you get beat, you're always a little bit disappointed," Kenseth said. "I just got beat by honestly experience and a better driver of this track. I was hesitant to change my line and do the things he was doing because what I was doing got me there. Just got too tight at the end. Wish I could do it over."

When it was time to leave, though, Kenseth had found the silver lining.

"I mean, gosh, for how Martinsville has been for me, how could you not be pleased?" he said. "The only guy happier is Jeff. I feel like when my team is at its best and we do everything right, I feel like we can race anybody at these next three tracks. Anything can happen, but man, we're in it."

Clint Bowyer finished third, his best finish of the Chase, and moved two spots in the standings to sixth.

Defending Sprint Cup champion Brad Keselowski, who is not part of the Chase, was fourth.

Johnson finished fifth and braced for an epic fight for his sixth championship.

"It's been a great battle



Jeff Gordon (24) holds the checkered flag as he celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Martinsville Speedway Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, in Martinsville, Va. **Associated Press**

with (Kenseth) and (Gordon) has really shown that he wants to be part of this deal as well," Johnson said. "It's going to be a

dogfight to the end — the way I would like to race for a championship, and I know that's what the fans want to see, so we'll be

digging hard." Harvick was sixth, followed by pole-sitter Denny Hamlin, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Greg Biffle and Jamie McMurray. □

Wallace had "no idea" of magnitude of his victory



Darrell Wallace Jr., right, winner of Saturday's NASCAR Camping World Truck race, smiles as he listens to Wendell Scott Jr., left, during a news conference at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013. **Associated Press**

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MARTINSVILLE, Virginia (AP)

— Darrell Wallace Jr. said he would win at Martins-

ville Speedway, and then he went out and did it.

He had no idea how big his victory was in Saturday's NASCAR truck series race, but it didn't take long for him to find out. The victory made Wallace just the second black driver to win on NASCAR's national level, and the first in a half-century. Wendell Scott gained the only other victory in December 1963 in a race at Jacksonville, Fla., in what has become the sport's premier series.

Wallace has developed a relationship with Scott's family through NASCAR's Drive for Diversity program, and Scott's sons were watching Saturday.

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Serena Williams beats Li Na for WTA Championship

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ISTANBUL (AP) — The way this season has been going for Serena Williams, there was only one fitting way for it to end.

Williams capped a career year in style Sunday, earning her 11th title of 2013 by coming from behind to beat Li Na 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 for her second straight WTA Championships crown.

Williams became the eighth woman to win 11 or more titles in a year and the first since Martina Hingis had 12 in 1997. She is also the first to repeat as champion at the season-ending WTA Championships since Justine Henin in 2007.

"It was an awesome year of tennis," said Williams, who sank to her knees after firing a backhand winner on her second match point.

The victory brought Williams' prize money total for the year to \$12,385,572. The only player, male or

female, to earn more in a year was Novak Djokovic with \$12,803,737 in 2012 and \$12,619,803 in 2011. The American won her fourth WTA Championship, having captured the elite tournament for the top eight players also in her debut in 2001 and in 2009 and 2012.

Williams has won 78 of 82 matches this year and will finish the year as the top-ranked player for the third time in her career after 2002 and 2009. Williams' titles this year included the French and U.S. Opens for a total of 17 Grand Slam crowns. Her winning percentage of .951 is the best on the tour since 1990. Martina Navratilova had an 86-1 record and a .989 percentage in 1983.

Still, Williams said she would have preferred to have won at least one more Grand Slam title.

"I live to win slams. I mean, obviously I'm so excited to be the WTA champion,"



Serena Williams of the U.S. reacts after she returned the last shot to Li Na of China during their final tennis match at the WTA Championship in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.

Associated Press

Williams said. "I can't say it's the best (season). I can't say it's not the best. I don't know. I really don't know." Li was in her first WTA Championships final and will finish the year at a career-high No. 3.

The final featured two players above the age of 30 for the first time in the championships' 43-year history. Williams is 32 and Li is 31 but both are playing some of their best tennis.

Li got off to a better start over a sluggish-looking Williams, who struggled a day earlier to beat Jelena Jankovic and complained

later of being exhausted after a long season.

"I felt good this morning, much better than I did yesterday, but then in practice I was like, 'Oh, no.' I was a little worried, but I just hung in there and just kept going and going," Williams said.

The Chinese was quick to break serve for a 2-1 lead and rolled through the first set, which ended with Williams netting a forehand and hitting a backhand passing shot wide.

Williams won a key game at the start of the second set that went to nine deuces and lasted nearly

12 minutes as the American fended off two break points before finally prevailing with a service winner.

"I guess looking back it was definitely a very important game for me to win," Williams said. "She had been on a real roll.

I guess I was determined to win that game at any cost."

Li blasted an ace, her only one of the match, to level at 3-3. But she produced a double-fault and a forehand error to give Williams a chance to serve out the set. Williams needed three set points to close it out. □

Del Potro beats Federer in Swiss Indoors final

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BASEL, Switzerland (AP) —

Roger Federer is playing better tennis these days — just not quite good enough to win titles again.

Juan Martin del Potro denied Federer his hometown Swiss Indoors title for the second straight year, winning the final 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-4 on Sunday.

Federer trailed throughout his first final in more than four months, though showed no sign of the back

problems which have hampered him during the most difficult season of his career. "I am a winner, I don't take much confidence from losing matches," Federer said. "I am happy about the level of my play, it's getting better, but it's not in losing where I get much confidence."

Federer had hoped that the raucous crowd support in Basel — where he is a five-time champion — could help revive his form, but he has still won just one

title in the past 14 months. Del Potro beat the player he described as "a big inspiration" for the third straight time, including the 2012 Basel final.

"I think Roger is playing well," the top-seeded Argentine said. "For me, he has the perfect game. He played much better when he has the chance to play the top guys." Still, with this loss against fifth-ranked del Potro, Federer has only one victory against a top-10 opponent in 2013. □



Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro holds the trophy after winning the final match against Switzerland's Roger Federer during the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013.

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Hopkins retains light heavyweight belt

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ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey

(AP) — Bernard Hopkins turned his bout with Karo Murat into a brawl and retained his share of the light heavyweight championship with a unanimous decision Saturday night.

Hopkins (54-6-2) battered Murat for most of the seventh, eighth and ninth rounds to help successfully defend his championship at Boardwalk Hall.

"I really wanted the knockout, but he was tough," Hopkins said. "You know you've got to take some punches. Yeah, I have a little bit of blood on me but this is what they want to see. They wanted to see the knockout, so I took some shots."

The 48-year-old Hopkins extended his record as the oldest fighter to defend a major championship. He had winning scores of 119-

108, 119-108, 117-110.

Murat (25-2-1) lost a point in the seventh round for hitting after the break and was warned several times for questionable blows. Referee Steve Smoger shoved Murat in the face after another hit after the bell to end the 12th.

Hopkins retired the "The Executioner" nickname he has had for most of his nearly 25-year career and became "The Alien."

Hopkins walked to the ring in a green mask with black eyes and a cape. He had the "The Alien" emblazoned on the green waistband of his black trunks. The Philadelphia fighter also had the crowd on his side, with chants of "B-Hop! B-Hop!" echoing through the arena with each right hand in the late rounds.

Hopkins finally busted open Murat in eighth, with cuts

above the left eye and the cheek. The blood didn't

appear to seriously affect Murat.

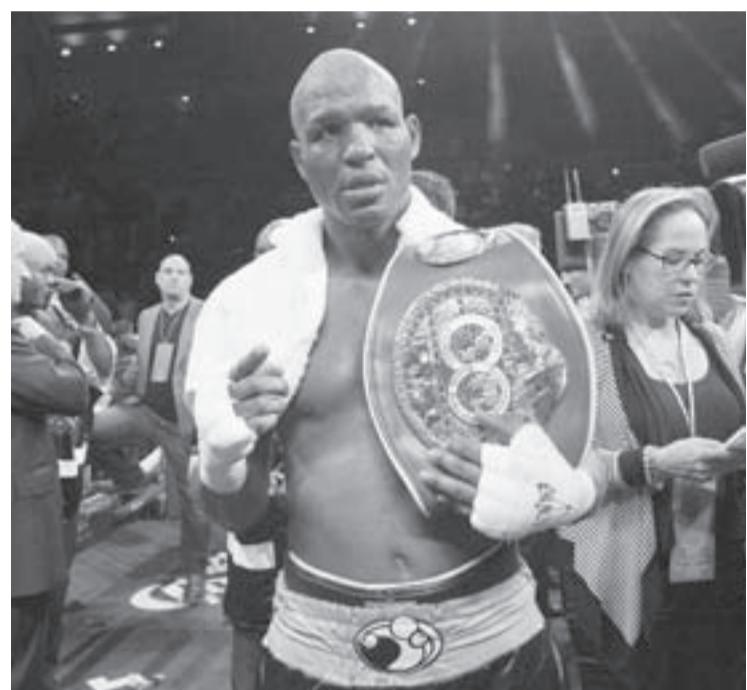
Murat, born and raised in Iraq before moving to Germany, came out swinging and attacked Hopkins from the opening round. Hopkins built a successful career with a methodical style of doing just enough in the ring to win. But he answered Murat and they spent most of the bout exchanging big punches.

In the co-main event, Peter Quillin retained the WBO middleweight title with a 10th-round TKO over Gabriel Rosado. Rosado was busted open above the left eye and could not stop bleeding, forcing the ring-side doctor to call for the stoppage. Rosado was irate and yelled profanities from the top rope.

"They knew he was getting hurt and they stopped it," Rosado said. "I was hurting him in the later rounds. I deserve a rematch."

Quillin, one of the best knockdown fighters in the sport, sent Rosado to the canvas in the second and

was ahead on the three scorecards when the bout was stopped 40 seconds into the 10th. □



Bernard Hopkins of Philadelphia, Penn. poses with his belt after beating Karo Murat of Germany by unanimous decision after twelve rounds of IBF Light Heavyweight Title in Atlantic City, N.J. on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013. Hopkins won by unanimous decision after 12 rounds.

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Pettersen holds off Azahara Munoz, wins Taiwan LPGA

YANGMEI, Taiwan (AP) — Suzann Pettersen held off a furious rally Sunday from

Azahara Munoz to win her second consecutive Taiwan Sunrise LPGA championship. Pettersen's three under 69 Sunday gave her a minus nine 279 for the tournament, five ahead of Munoz's 284. The Spaniard carded a 70 in Sunday's round. "It feels great to come here and defend my title and play as well as I did," Pettersen said. "It was very tough out there. Since the very first shot on Thursday, the conditions gave us a very big challenge."

Pettersen birdied the 13th, 14th and 18th holes to win going away after her bogey on the par 5 9th al-

lowed Munoz to pull within one stroke on the final day of the competition.

Earlier, Munoz had registered birdies on the 4th, 7th and 8th, to continue her strong run of play from Saturday's round, when her three-under 69 put her in competition for the first time. She went on to birdy the 12th but bogeys on 13 and 16 allowed Pettersen to pull away.

Despite falling short, Munoz expressed satisfaction with her play.

"I was 4 under through 12 holes, and I was really playing really well," she said. "I made two bogeys coming in but I hit two really good shots and one came up short and one came up



Suzann Pettersen of Norway, holds her trophy for media after winning the LPGA Taiwan Championship tournament at the Sunrise Golf & Country Club, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, in Yangmei, northern Taiwan.

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long, just misjudged the wind a little bit but I played really well."

By winning the \$2 million Taiwan event, Pettersen puts herself in strong posi-

tion to challenge South Korea's Inbee Park for the overall 2013 LPGA crown, with two tournaments remaining. Park did not compete in Taiwan. □



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JPMorgan's \$5B settlement doesn't end its troubles

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AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$5.1 billion that JPMorgan Chase has agreed to pay hardly ends its legal troubles over mortgage securities it sold.

It's merely a down pay-

Fannie and Freddie own or guarantee about half of all U.S. mortgages, worth about \$5 trillion. The two don't directly make loans to borrowers. They buy mortgages from lenders, package them as bonds, guarantee them against default and sell them to

investors. This system helps make loans widely available to borrowers.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, which oversees Fannie and Freddie, announced Friday's settlement with JPMorgan, the largest U.S. bank.

The deal is expected to

be followed by a broader agreement with the Justice Department that's still being negotiated. Last weekend, JPMorgan reached a tentative deal with Justice to pay \$13 billion.

The \$13 billion tentative deal included \$4 billion to resolve the FHFA claims.

Even reduced by that amount, it would be the largest penalty the government has extracted from a company for actions related to the financial crisis. It's unclear when the broader agreement will be finalized. The bank still faces local, state and federal investigations into its sale of the mortgage-backed securities. Most of the trouble stems from JPMorgan's acquisition of Bear Stearns in March 2008.

In September, JPMorgan agreed to pay \$920 million and admit that it failed to oversee trading that led to a \$6 billion loss last year in its London operation. That combined amount, in settlements with three regula-

tors in the U.S. and one in Britain, is one of the largest fines ever levied against a financial institution.

In another case, the company agreed to pay a \$100 million penalty and admitted that its traders acted "recklessly" with the London trades.

If that weren't enough, JPMorgan is tied up in litigation over the Bernard Madoff Ponzi scheme. JPMorgan has said it's responding to investigations by Justice and other regulators. The bank hasn't given details. But it has previously faced accusations that it and other banks ignored signs that Madoff was a con artist.

Edward DeMarco, the FHFA's acting director, said the settlement with JPMorgan "provides greater certainty in the marketplace and is in line with our responsibility for preserving and conserving Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's assets on behalf of taxpayers." □



Automobiles pass a JP Morgan Chase building in New York. JPMorgan said Friday, Oct. 25, 2013, that it has agreed to pay \$5.1 billion to resolve claims that it misled Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac about risky mortgage securities it sold them before the housing market collapsed. Experts say this is hardly the end of JPMorgan's legal woes.

(AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

ment.

JPMorgan still faces heavy financial burdens. The bank has set aside \$23 billion to cover legal costs — and it may need it all. In a statement Friday night, JPMorgan called its latest settlement an "important step" toward resolving allegations over mortgage-backed securities it sold. The \$5.1 billion would resolve federal claims that it misled Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac about risky home loans and securities they bought before the housing market collapsed. Fannie and Freddie were rescued in a taxpayer bailout in 2008 as they sank under the weight of mortgage losses.

Between 2005 and 2007, JPMorgan sold \$33 billion in mortgage securities to Fannie and Freddie, according to their regulator. That was the second-most sold to Fannie and Freddie ahead of the crisis, behind only Bank of America. The securities soured after the housing bubble burst in 2007, losing billions in value.

NYSE holds 'successful' test for Twitter IPO

The Associated Press

The New York Stock Exchange said its test run of Twitter's initial public offering on Saturday was a success, as the exchange tries to avoid the technical problems that marred Facebook's debut last year.

While the NYSE often does testing on the weekend, this was the first time the exchange conducted a mock IPO. Early Saturday, traders from member firms gathered with NYSE staff to run simulated buy and sell orders, test the flow of those orders and open the stock.

Twitter is expected to go public sometime before the end of November.

"This morning's systems test was successful, and we're grateful to all the firms that chose to participate," NYSE spokeswoman Marissa Arnold said in a statement. "We are being very methodical in our planning for Twitter's IPO, and are

working together with the industry to ensure a world-class experience for Twitter, retail investors and all market participants."

Twitter will be the biggest technology IPO since Facebook went public in May 2012. While Nasdaq won Facebook's listing, one of the biggest IPOs in years, the debut was hit with trad-

ing delays and order failures. The Securities and Exchange Commission later fined Nasdaq \$10 million, the largest sum ever levied against an exchange.

Twitter plans to sell 70 million shares between \$17 and \$20 each for a possible take of \$1.6 billion. Shares will trade under the ticker "TWTR."

This year has been a hot one for IPOs as sharp gains in the stock market have boosted demand for initial public offerings. Over 150 companies have gone public in the U.S. this year, up more than 50 percent from the same period in 2012, according to recent data from IPO tracking firm Renaissance Capital. □



A Twitter app is shown on an iPhone screen in New York. The NYSE said its test run of Twitter's initial public offering on Saturday was a success.

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Gas below \$3.00 in Houston has motorists super-pumped

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Some drivers might have done double takes this week when they saw an eye-popping number in Houston: Two.

As in \$2.99 or less for a gallon of regular gasoline.

The consumer information website GasBuddy reported that several stations dotting the edge of the city joined the 21 percent of Texas gasoline retailers advertising regular below \$3 per gallon Thursday.

The Houston average was just over a nickel higher at \$3.05, according to the motor travel club AAA, but it's inching toward the sub-\$3 mark area motorists haven't seen since February 2011. It's more than a seasonal dip.

Abundant inventories and a shrinking appetite for gasoline have amplified the typical wintertime decline in prices, and they probably will sink lower as the weather gets chillier and Americans take fewer long trips.

No major storms interfered with refining on the Gulf Coast this year, and refinery upgrades to expand production capacity have pushed gasoline supplies higher in recent months.

Even the U.S. shale boom has played a role: Higher-grade light crudes extracted from those tight rock formations produce more gasoline than heavier crudes.

"The market is more than adequately supplied," said Andy Lipow, president of Houston-based consulting firm Lipow Oil Associates.

Nationwide, a gallon of regular averaged \$3.33 on Thursday, 30 cents lower than a year ago.

Lipow said he expects that

price to drop below \$3.20 in coming months.

"That's a big difference, one that a lot of people will notice, especially in Texas where prices are hurtling below \$3 a gallon," said Michael Green, a spokesman for AAA.

Green said prices will keep dropping as demand shrinks and supply grows.

"It's simple economics," he said.

Increased inventory U.S. demand for gasoline dropped to 8.8 million barrels per day in the week ended Oct. 19, down from 9 million barrels per day the week before. Meanwhile, the country's gasoline inventory jumped to 9.1 million barrels per day last week from 8.9 million barrels for the week that ended Oct. 12, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Pumping gasoline in Houston is 17 cents a gallon cheaper than a month ago and down from \$3.40 this time last year, according to AAA.

The decline comes as prices for U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude have fallen. It closed at \$97.11 a barrel in trading Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, up 25 cents for the day but down more than \$3 from a week earlier and more than \$10 since early September.

Crude accounts for about 70 percent of the price tag for gasoline.

Traders sent oil prices down after the U.S. Energy Information Administration reported this week U.S. crude production hit a four-month high of 379.8 million barrels in the week ended Oct. 19. Lipow said his projection for crude is \$93 per barrel in coming months. □

Bottled water sales rising as soda ebbs

STEPHANIE STROM

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Few things are more American than Coca-Cola. But bottled water is washing away the palate trained to drain a bubbly soda. By the end of this decade, if not sooner, sales of bottled water are expected to surpass those of carbonated soft drinks, according to Michael C. Bellas, chief executive of the

for the Coca-Cola Co. and rival PepsiCo in recent years. While both companies sell bottled water lines, Dasani for Coke and Aquafina for Pepsi, they have had trouble establishing dominance in the more profitable business of so-called enhanced waters - including flavored and carbonated waters and those with added vitamins and minerals - where a hoard of

of minerals tossed in, which makes the business one of producing bottles and filling them.

Factors as varied as innovations in bottling technology that have helped drive down the price of water as well as continuing concern about obesity and related diseases are also driving the trend. A recent study by North Dakota State University,



A store employee stocks bottled water at a Stop & Shop supermarket in Tarrytown, N.Y. By the end of the decade, sales of water — whether plain, flavored or carbonated — will surpass those of sodas like Coke and Pepsi.

(Jennifer S. Altman/The New York Times)

Beverage Marketing Corp. "I've never seen anything like it," said Bellas, who has watched water's rise in the industry since the 1980s.

Sales of water in standard lightweight plastic bottles grew at a rate of more than 20 percent every quarter from 1993 to 2005, he said. The growth has continued since, but now it has settled into percentages within the high single digits. If the estimated drinking of water from the household tap is included, water consumption began exceeding that of soda in the mid-2000s.

That significant shift has posed a tough challenge

new beverage companies like TalkingRain, Hint water and Fruit2O are giving them a run for the money.

"Given where pricing has gone, I would assume that on the average 24 pack of bottled water, Coke and Pepsi are selling at break-even at best," said John Faucher, who tracks the beverage and household products businesses at JPMorgan Chase. "The one thing keeping them in plain, old bottled water is that both have a very large and highly profitable single-serve business in it."

Plain bottled waters are little more than purified tap water with a sprinkle

for instance, used dietary intake data collected by the federal government to draw correlations between decreased consumption of soda from 1999 through 2010 and improvements in the biomarkers that indicated cholesterol and other chronic diseases.

A study by Coca-Cola asserted that the government's data, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, was flawed, but that had not stopped public health officials from encouraging greater consumption of beverages with less sugar.

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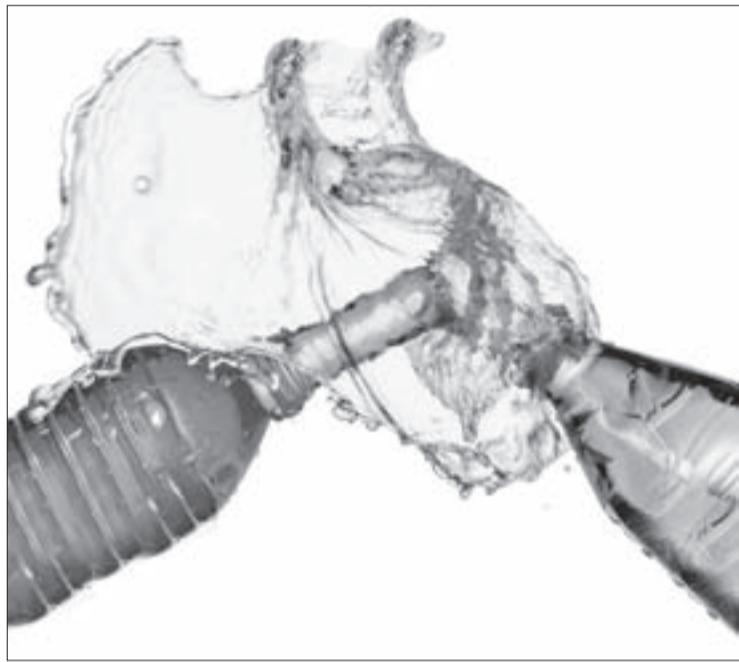
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Bottled water sales rising as soda ebbs

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Last month, Michelle Obama threw her weight behind water, teaming up with Coke, Pepsi and Nestlé Waters, among others, to persuade Americans to drink more of it. Health advocates complained that Obama had capitulated to corporate partners by not explaining the benefits of water over the sodas they sell and that her

where water is being sold one bottle at a time, but they can't make money on selling cases at \$1.99 apiece," said John Sicher, publisher of Beverage Digest. In a conference call with analysts last week, PepsiCo's chief financial officer, Hugh F. Johnston, said that the company had no plans to invest in increasing its bottled water offerings. "We don't think it creates value over time,"



By the end of the decade, sales of water — whether plain, flavored or carbonated — will surpass those of sodas like Coke and Pepsi. This photo was posed for use as illustration.

(Tony Cenicola/The New York Times)

initiative promoted even greater use of plastic bottles when she could have just recommended turning on the tap. Bottled water has also grown cheaper, adding to its attraction. Cases of 24 half-liter bottles of store-brand water can be had for \$2, or about 8 cents a bottle, and some grocery store chains even are using waters as loss leaders to attract customers, teeing up shopping carts with a case already on board. Companies like Niagara Water, a privately held company that is the largest private-label water bottler in the country, have a fully integrated, highly automated production system that starts with plastic pellets that are made into bottles and goes all the way through to filling the bottles, making caps and screwing them on. This poses a problem for the big beverage companies selling branded waters. "Coke and Pepsi can compete in convenience stores

Johnston said.

Some of the things that have made Pepsi and Coke formidable competitors in the soda business work against them in water. The companies, for instance, stock grocery store shelves directly off their trucks. That gives them more extensive and timely information about how their products are doing and greater control over marketing, but it also is much more expensive than the distribution system used by companies like Niagara and Nestlé Waters, which has a private label business in addition to marketing brands like Poland

Spring and Ozarka. Those companies let retailers handle stocking, shipping pallets of their waters to warehouses.

Coke sold 5.8 billion liters of waters abroad and 253 million liters in the United States and Canada from 2007 to 2012. Pepsi's water sales in North America actually declined by 636 million liters over that period, but it still sold 4.7 billion liters overseas, according to Euromonitor.

Both companies' soda sales fell in North America over that time but grew internationally. Volume sales of soda, however, may be deceptive.

"The volume growth is there, but when we're talking about international markets like China, India and Latin America — prices are lower," said Jonas Feliciano, an industry analyst at Euromonitor.

The TalkingRain Beverage Co., a bottled water business that started in the Pacific Northwest, is getting out of the plain water business altogether because the economics are so bad. "The water business has become very commoditized," said Kevin Klock, its chief executive. "Folks in that business have to produce high quantities at fast speed in very light bottles, and it requires a huge investment to be in that game." TalkingRain makes Sparkling ICE, a bubbly water that comes in flavors like kiwi strawberry and blackberry with no calories and "vitamins and antioxidants." The brand had developed strong consumer loyalty in the company's back yard, consistently generating about \$10 million in sales a year when Klock decided to bet big on it after taking the helm in 2010. □

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Scientists dig for fossils in L.A. a century later

ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Surrounded by a gooey graveyard of prehistoric beasts, a small crew diligently wades through a backlog of fossil finds from a century of excavation at the La Brea Tar Pits in the heart of Los Angeles.

Digs over the years have unearthed bones of mammoths, mastodons, saber-toothed cats, dire wolves and other unsuspecting Ice Age creatures that became trapped in ponds of sticky asphalt. But it's the smaller discoveries — plants, insects and rodents — in recent years that are shaping scientists' views of life in the region 11,000 to 50,000 years ago.

"Earlier excavations really missed a great part of the story," said John Harris, chief curator at the George C. Page Museum, which oversees the fossil collection. People "were only taking out bones they could see, but it's the hidden bones that provide clues to the environment." The museum on Monday celebrates 100 years of digging, which has recovered some 5.5 million bones representing more than 600 species of animals and plants, the richest cache of Ice Age fossils. There's so much left to do that it could easily take another century to complete. On a recent Wednesday, a volunteer in a white lab



Laura Tewksbury, top, and Karrie Howard excavate more than 42,000-year-old bison fossils with dental picks at the La Brea Tar Pits on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013, in Los Angeles. On Monday, Oct. 28, 2013 the George C. Page Museum celebrates a century of excavation at the La Brea Tar Pits, considered the richest and most diverse collection of Ice Age fossils

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coat pounded away at a bison skull in the museum's fishbowl laboratory where visitors can witness paleontology in action. Nearby, two workers hunched over microscopes, sorting bone fragments belonging to extinct creatures.

In the back storage, floor-to-ceiling shelves of wooden crates house bones that need to be cleaned, identified or labeled. The museum estimates it has 100,000 specimens to catalog and another million to

scrub. Long before skyscrapers towered over Wilshire Boulevard, giant beasts ruled the land. Back then, sagebrush scrub covered the basin, home to herds of mammoths, bison, camels and ground sloths. Mastodons hung out in the woodlands. Lurking were meat-eating predators including saber-toothed cats, dire wolves and giant jaguars.

Every so often, creatures would get bogged down in

pools of water and asphalt that seeped from underground crude oil deposits, and die of dehydration or starvation. Stranded animals that appeared to be easy prey then became a trap for predators that also got stuck in the ooze.

In 1913, the predecessor to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County launched a two-year project to uncover only the best-preserved mammal bones, largely ignoring everything else. Though the

early digs gave scientists a glimpse into the types of animals that roamed, there was still much to be learned.

After the early missteps, scientists in 1969 decided to focus on pulling everything out and revisited a tar pit dubbed Pit 91 to do a more detailed excavation. For nearly 40 years, work at Pit 91 dominated the Page Museum's efforts as visitors gawked from a viewing platform.

Museum officials temporarily halted digging at Pit 91

several years ago to concentrate on an unexpected trove of Ice Age fossils that was found during the construction of an underground garage next to the tar pits, located some 7 miles (11 kilometers) west of downtown Los Angeles.

"I can't think of any other site that is as rich," said Sarah George, executive director of the Natural History Museum of Utah.

Every time a foundation is dug, "more old blocks of tar filled with fossils came out of the ground," said George, who used to work as a curator at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. □

Scientists Higgs, Englert given Spanish awards

MADRID (AP) — Scientists Peter Higgs and Francois Englert, and the European CERN laboratory, have received Spain's Prince of Asturias awards from Prince Felipe at a ceremony in northern Spain.

Higgs, 84, has also won the Nobel Prize in physics with Francois Englert, 80, for helping explain how matter formed after the Big Bang, when scientists believe the universe as we see it began.

CERN, on the Franco-Swiss border, is where Higgs' theory about how subatomic particles get their mass was proven right by experiments using the Large Hadron Collider, the world's highest-energy particle accelerator. Other prize recipients Friday included American photographer Annie Leibovitz, Spanish golfer Jose Maria Olazabal, Austrian film director and screenwriter Michael Haneke and Dutch-American so-



Nobel Prize laureates, British theoretical physicist Peter Higgs, left, Belgian theoretical physicist Francois Englert, center, react with German particle physicist Rolf Heuer, right, after receiving the 2013 Prince of Asturias award for Technical and Scientific Research at a ceremony in Oviedo, northern Spain, Friday Oct. 25, 2013.

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ciologist Saskia Sassen.

1981, are each worth 50,000 euros (\$69,000). □

Lou Reed, iconic punk-poet, dead at 71

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NEW YORK (AP) — Lou Reed, the punk poet of rock 'n' roll who profoundly influenced generations of musicians as leader of the Velvet Underground and remained a vital solo performer for decades after, died Sunday at age 71. Reed died in Southampton, New York, of an ailment related to his recent liver transplant, according to his literary agent, Andrew Wyllie, who added that Reed had been in frail health for months. Reed shared a home in Southampton with his wife and fellow musician, Laurie Anderson, whom he married in 2008. Reed never approached the commercial success of such superstars as the Beatles and Bob Dylan, but no songwriter to emerge after Dylan so radically expanded the territory of rock lyrics. And no band did more than the Velvet Underground to open rock

music to the avant-garde — to experimental theater, art, literature and film, to William Burroughs and Kurt Weill, to John Cage and Andy Warhol, Reed's early patron.

Indie rock essentially began in the 1960s with Reed and the Velvets; the punk, New Wave and alternative rock movements of the 1970s, '80s and '90s were all indebted to Reed, whose songs were covered by R.E.M., Nirvana, Patti Smith and countless others.

"The first Velvet Underground record sold 30,000 copies in the first five years," Brian Eno, who produced albums by Roxy Music and Talking Heads among others, once said. "I think everyone who bought one of those 30,000 copies started a band!"

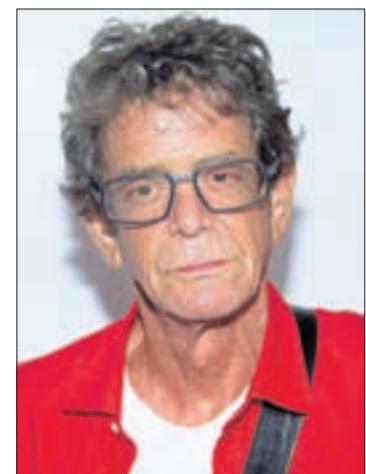
Reed's trademarks were a monotone of surprising emotional range and power; slashing, grinding guitar; and lyrics that were complex, yet conversational,

designed to make you feel as if Reed were seated next to you.

Known for his cold stare and gaunt features, he was a cynic and a seeker who seemed to embody downtown Manhattan culture of the 1960s and '70s and was as essential a New York artist as Martin Scorsese or Woody Allen. Reed's New York was a jaded city of drag queens, drug addicts and violence, but it was also as wondrous as any Allen comedy, with so many of Reed's songs explorations of right and wrong and quests for transcendence. He had one top 20 hit, "Walk On the Wild Side," and many other songs that became standards among his admirers, from "Heroin" and "Sweet Jane" to "Pale Blue Eyes" and "All Tomorrow's Parties." Raised on doo-wop and Carl Perkins, Delmore Schwartz and the Beats, Reed helped shape the punk ethos of raw power, the alternative rock

ethos of irony and droning music and the art-rock embrace of experimentation, whether the dual readings of Beat-influenced verse for "Murder Mystery," or, like a passage out of Burroughs' "Naked Lunch," the orgy of guns, drugs and oral sex on the Velvets' 15-minute "Sister Ray."

An outlaw in his early years, Reed would eventually perform at the White House, have his writing published in *The New Yorker*, be featured by the Public Broadcasting Service in an "American Masters" documentary and win a Grammy in 1999 for Best Long Form Music Video. The Velvet Underground was inducted into the Rock and Roll of Fame in 1996 and their landmark debut album, "The Velvet Underground & Nico," was added to the Library of Congress' registry in 2006. Reed called one song "Growing Up in Public" and his career was an ongoing exhibit of how any subject



In a Wednesday, July 31, 2013 file photo, Lou Reed attends the "Breaking Bad" final episodes premiere hosted by the Film Society of Lincoln Center in New York.

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could be set to rock music — the death of a parent ("Standing On Ceremony"), AIDS ("The Halloween Parade"), some favorite movies and plays ("Doin' the Things That We Want To"), racism ("I Want to be Black"), the electroshock therapy he received as a teen ("Kill Your Sons"). □

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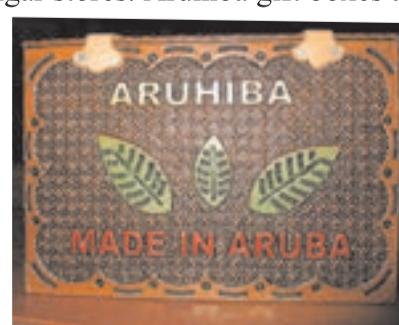
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'Bad Grandpa' sinks 'Gravity' to top box office

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Apparently astronauts are no match for Jackass.

Paramount's "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa" topped the weekend box office with \$32 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, sinking three-week champ "Gravity" to second place.

"Bad Grandpa" stars Johnny Knoxville as an accident-prone grandfather in a hidden-camera comedy a la "Borat."

"It's been a very heavy fall in terms of the content of the movies, so I think audiences were ready for something completely lighthearted and out of leftfield,"

said box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian of Rentrak. "Gravity," which stars Sandra Bullock and George Clooney as astronauts on a troubled spacecraft, has soared since its debut three weeks ago. The Warner Bros. space adventure added another \$20.3 million to its haul over the weekend, bringing its domestic ticket totals to nearly \$200 million.

Paramount's president of domestic distribution said it's gratifying to see "Jack-



This photo released by Paramount Pictures shows Johnny Knoxville, left, as Irving Zisman and Jackson Nicoll as Billy in "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa," from Paramount Pictures and MTV Films.

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ass" unseat the space ad-

venture from its top spot. "We weren't competing with 'Gravity,'" said Don Harris.

"We were not competitive in any other way than who was going to be No. 1 this weekend."

Sony's high-seas thriller "Captain Phillips," starring Tom Hanks, held on to third place with \$11.8 million.

An all-star cast including Brad Pitt, Cameron Diaz, Penelope Cruz and Michael Fassbender wasn't enough to draw audiences

to "The Counselor," which opened in fourth place. The gritty Fox drama is a "very challenging, provocative film," according to Chris Aronson, who heads distribution for Fox.

"We're fine," he said. "I know we have a very com-

petitive environment." He expects the film, written by Cormac McCarthy, to find its audience as it rolls out internationally in the coming weeks.

Another drama, Fox Searchlight's "12 Years a Slave," edged into the top 10 despite playing in only 123 theaters.

"This portends a tremendous expansion trajectory for the film" directed by Steve McQueen and starring Chiwetel Ejiofor, Dergarabedian said.

"In a sea of films that are in over 1,000 theaters, '12 Years a Slave' is distinguishing itself by doing so well." The overall box office is up 9 percent over the same weekend last year, Dergarabedian said.

"Fall is probably the best season to be a moviegoer," he said. "You can get really highbrow films, Oscar contenders,

but you can also get something like 'Bad Grandpa,' which satisfies the needs for audiences to just have fun and check their brain at the door."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Final domestic figures will be released Monday. □

Stuntman and 'Smokey' director Hal Needham dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hal Needham, a top Hollywood stuntman who turned to directing action films including "Smokey and the Bandit" and "The Cannonball Run," has died. He was 82.

His business managers tell the Los Angeles Times that Needham died Friday in Los Angeles.

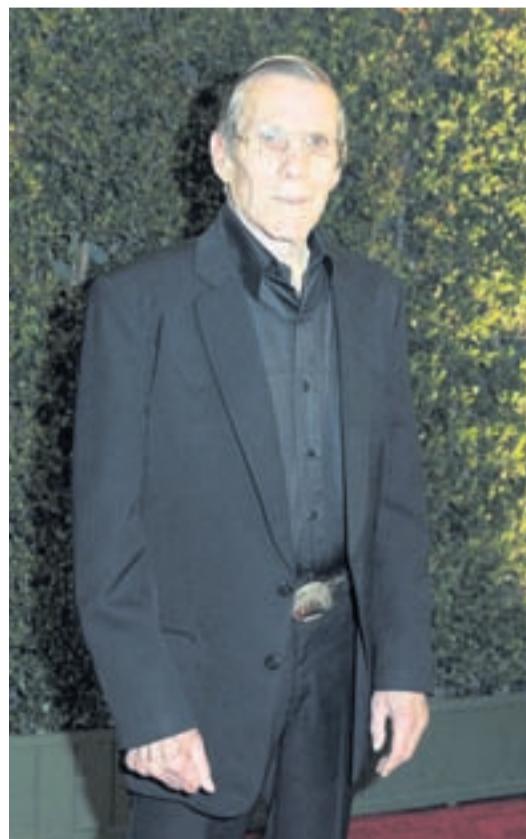
A former paratrooper, Needham appeared in thousands of TV episodes and hundreds of movies, performing and designing stunts.

Needham jumped from planes, was dragged by horses and wrecked cars — breaking 56 bones in the process.

His best-known directing efforts involved 1970s Burt Reynolds action comedies. He also directed Arnold Schwarzenegger in "The Villain."

In a Twitter posting, Schwarzenegger called Needham an icon.

Needham received an honorary Oscar last year. □



In this Dec. 1, 2012 file photo, Hal Needham arrives at the 4th Annual Governors Awards at Hollywood and Highland Center's Ray Dolby Ballroom in Los Angeles.

Fleetwood Mac cancels shows for McVie's health



This March 1, 2009 file photo shows Fleetwood Mac bass player John McVie performing on tour in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fleetwood Mac is canceling planned performances in Australia and New Zealand as bassist John McVie is treated for cancer.

Band members Mick Fleetwood, Stevie Nicks and

Lindsay Buckingham said in a statement Sunday that they're sorry

to cancel the 14 show dates and hope "fans everywhere will join us in wishing John and his family all the best." □

Roll Out The Health Care



GAIL COLLINS

© 2013 New York Times If you're a citizen who tries to keep up with current affairs, your latest responsibility is having a strong opinion about the troubled rollout of the health insurance marketplace.

Really makes you miss the government shutdown, doesn't it? Try leading a lively dinner table conversation on software coding errors.

The Democrats are depressed. The Republicans enjoy pointing out that the Obamacare rollout has been a mess. But they obviously can't pretend to be upset that people are finding it hard to sign up for a program their party wanted to kill, eviscerate and stomp into tiny pieces, which would then be fed to a tank of ravenous eels.

Well, actually, they can.

"I haven't heard one of you apologize to the American public," Rep. David McKinley of West Virginia sternly told government contractors who had worked on the HealthCare.gov website.

McKinley's party recently shut down everything from the national parks to preschool programs, while costing the economy an estimated \$24 billion. Nobody apologized. Perhaps they'll write a note this weekend. "I'm damned angry that I and 700,000 Texans I represent have been misled, misled and misled," said Rep. Pete Olson.

The only thing that could conceivably make Olson angrier would be if the Obamacare site was working so well that Texans could get health insurance as easily as they can order a chrome scarf holder from Amazon.com. On Thursday the House Energy and Commerce Committee held the first of what will be a very long line of congressional hearings on the subject of the botched rollout. The private contractors claimed, in the most oblique language possible, that their own individual pieces of the operation had gone swimmingly.

Meanwhile, the committee members told the private contractors about their personal technological expertise, which sounded so extensive it's a wonder that the House of Representatives hasn't invented its own search engine.

"I was in small business for 22 years, in the radio business. We dealt with software upgrades and changes in systems and all

that ..."

"When I was in developing software ..."

"Being a computer science major from Rice University and a former naval aviator who could not afford to have my computer drop off-line as I'm rolling in my plane to drop a torpedo to stop a Russian submarine from launching a ballistic missile, a nuclear missile at our country. ..." That last one was Olson again. It is very possible that you missed this hearing. Perhaps you were at work. Perhaps you have taken a vow never to listen to any discussion in which the word "functionality" is used on a regular basis. The bottom line is that the startup was terrible. We're just going to wait and see how well the administration does in fixing things. White House officials have promised to bring in "the best and brightest," which is encouraging unless you are old enough to remember that "the best and the brightest" was what they called the guys who gave us the war in Vietnam.

In the meantime, keep things simple and just find somebody to blame. A few suggestions:

CANADA The major contractor on the Web job was CGI Federal, which is a subsidiary of a Canadian company. Perhaps this is all a Canadian plot. Perhaps the Canadians were jealous that the United States was on the verge of creating a health care system so much more exciting than their own single-payer version. Remember, these are the exact same people who sent us Justin Bieber.

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS

This is an extremely popular option. Fire the secretary of health and human services. The Republican National Committee has a petition drive demanding that Sebelius be canned. Democrats are less enthusiastic, but a lot of them feel that President Barack Obama should fire somebody and really, it's not going to be the secretary of agriculture. Also, Sebelius has a family vacation home in northern Michigan. You can probably see Canada from her house.

TECHNOLOGY

Younger people are shocked that the Obama White House, which is supposed to be so technologically savvy, can't manage a website rollout. They express this opinion through multiple devices that are seamlessly interlinked to one another, and to their friends' multiple devices, and their friends' friends'.

Many older people just shrug. It's about computers. How could it possibly work out the first time around? I am definitely going with option two, in my capacity as a person who has never recovered from the day my company changed email systems. Let alone the time my cellphone started responding to all prompts by offering to call the old office number for former Sen. Trent Lott. The White House just has to call a tech. And then another tech. And then another tech. And then maybe buy a new cellphone. □



The Spy Who Didn't Love Me



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BERLIN - Germany, of course, has already concocted a compound word for it: Handyüberwachung. That would be spying on cellphone calls.

The U.S. surveillance in question targeted the phone of Chancellor Angela Merkel. Or at least she was convinced enough of this to call President Barack Obama, express outrage at a "serious breach of trust" and declare such conduct between allies "completely unacceptable." The White House's assurance to her that the United States "is not" and "will not" monitor her communications was tantamount to confirmation through omission that in the past it has. Merkel is measured. For her to lift the phone and go public with her criticism leaves no doubt she is livid. As she said in July, "Not everything which is technically doable should be done." This, on the now ample evidence provided by the former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, is not the view of the NSA, whose dragnet eavesdropping has prompted fury from Paris to Brasília.

Obama, in his cool detachment, is not big on diplomacy through personal relations, but Merkel is as close to a trusted friend as he has in Europe. To infuriate her, and touch the most sensitive nerve of Stasi-marked

Germans, amounts to sloppiness that hurts American soft power in lasting ways. Pivot to Asia was not supposed to mean leave all Europe peeved.

But all Europe is. The perception here is of a United States where security trumps liberty, intelligence agencies run amok (vacuuming up data of friend and foe alike), and the once-admired "checks and balances" built into American governance and studied by European schoolchildren have become, at best, secret reviews of secret activities where opposing arguments get no hearing.

The disquiet of Snowden that turned him into a whistle-blower now encounters overwhelming sympathy. Impatience is high with statements from the Obama administration that surveillance is under review. A backlash could see Europe limit its sharing of financial and other data with the United States or impose heavy fines on U.S. telecommunications companies that pass on European user details. The word "ally" is beginning to feel like a 20th-century idea that has lost its relevance.

None of this serves U.S. interests. Intelligence, counterterrorism and military cooperation with Germany and France, the two most outraged by recent disclosures, is critical. The relative power of the United States and Europe is declining, so cooperation is doubly important. Of course it will continue, but Obama faces a crisis of confidence in trans-Atlantic relations that vague promises about seeking the right balance between freedom and security will not allay. Merkel wants specifics; she is not alone.

Even before this furor, Germany was incensed by what it has perceived as a dismissive U.S. attitude. A senior official close to Merkel recently took me through the "very painful" saga of the Obama administration's response to Syrian use of chemical weapons. It began with Susan Rice, the national security adviser, telling the Chan-

cellery on Aug. 24 that the U.S. had proof of President Bashar Assad's use of chemical weapons, that it would have to intervene and that it would be a matter of days. German pleas to wait for a U.N. report and to remember Iraq fell on deaf ears. Six days later, on Friday, Aug. 30, Germany heard from France that the military strike on Syria was on and would happen that weekend - only for Obama to change tack the next day and say he would go to Congress. Things got worse at the G-20 St. Petersburg, Russia, summit meeting the next week. Again, Germany found the United States curtly dismissive. It wanted Germany's signature at once on the joint statement on Syria; Germany wanted to wait a day until a joint European Union statement was ready and so declined. "The sense from Rice was that we are not interested in your view and not interested in the EU view," the official said. "We left Petersburg very offended. This is not what you want your best partner to look like."

Germany found the atmosphere at the meeting terrible. Vladimir Putin, the Russian president, insisted the Syrian opposition had used the chemical weapons. He compared this to the Nazis burning of the Reichstag in 1933 in order to blame and crush their opponents (the fire's origin is disputed). Putin, to the Germans, appeared more powerful than Obama. His strengthened international standing after America's Syrian back-and-forth worries a Germany focused on bringing East European nations like Ukraine and Moldova into association accords with the EU. This European rapprochement is strongly resisted by Putin, who wants a Eurasian Union that bears an eerie likeness to the old Soviet Union.

Geopolitics on this continent is not dead. A re-pivot to Europe is in order, as is an internal U.S. security-freedom rebalancing. Handyüberwachung on Europe's most powerful leader is the last thing America needs. □

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